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Man assaulted at Elvis Festival. See page 3.

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Alarm bells rung over schools at 'crisis point'

PLANS have been submitted for the final phase of a 1,500-home development in Bridgend amid concerns there are already children living on the estate who cannot get into local schools.

Persimmon Homes West Wales wants to build a further 102 houses on the Parc Derwen estate in Coity, Bridgend.

The application comprises a mix of two, three and four-bedroom properties.

At the start, outline permission was granted for 1,515 – the new application will see the number of homes exceed that number by 71, with the developer saying there would now be 20 affordable homes on site.

However, ward county councillor Amanda Williams warned any children moving into the new homes would not be going to Coety Primary School because it is full.

She said: "I think it's at crisis point – there are already people who live in Parc Derwen and can see the school but can't get into it.

"Meanwhile people from the village, where the school was taken from and moved to its new location, cannot get in due to the sibling rule and no longer living closest to the school. I understand any Section 106 money from the developer can go towards additional places, but there's no physical space to put these children. Litchard Primary is full, Coety is full – children are going to Pen y Fai which is well over two miles – and if they're over nursery age, they're entitled to free transport because they can't be put in their catchment school.

"Will money have to be spent on transporting these children elsewhere?"

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Air Cadet helps pupils to safety

A 15-year-old air cadet was among a group of people who helped lead Brynteg Comprehensive School pupils to safety when a bus they were travelling on caught fire last week. Photo by Ben Crowley.

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'Has Plaid's stance on Carpetgate any real backing?'

MAY I state, as a retired business owner in Barry who still keeps in contact with my former clients and other shop traders, they wish to pledge their support to Tim Martin, the owner of Wetherspoons, in not removing the carpet in his establishment as ordered by Barry Town Council.

The council should not squander our council tax payments on an outdated 14th century court case relating to the coat of arms on the carpet.

Do the council believe it is their right to claim ownership of the crest?

Residents/electorate and council tax payers are up in arms over this issue and the treatment of Tim Martin, who has brought his business acumen to Barry providing employment and enjoyment by modernising this once-empty building by spending a lot of money.

Some of the comments I have received:

"*Typical of this council; if the carpet is to be removed, they will probably want spit and sawdust on the floor in keeping with olden times.*"

"*There should be a public debate over council tax spending; it's our hard earned money you are wasting.*"

"*Are these councillors green with envy as they wanted the building to turn into flats?*"

"*As a family, we love going to Wetherspoons, meals are reasonable and the staff have been trained to NVQ standards.*"

In my opinion, councillors should carry out more responsible duties, for example addressing illegal parking outside schools, potholes in the roads and health and safety measures adhering to building regulations. We, the residents, have not – and will not – sanction our council tax payments to be used in any court case.

Plaid Cymru councillors have certainly gone down in my estimation.

Mrs L Nesbitt, Barry.

'Perverse' to give 16 year olds the vote

I had served two years in the Police Force before being able to vote at 21, and this included assisting supervision at a General Election count. Didn't bother me at the time.

It seems perverse when there are so many legal restrictions on 16-year-olds to advocate giving them the vote.

Richard Parry, Dinas Powys.

What is going on in the Assembly?

JUST watched the BBC Wales programme regarding First Minister's Questions and was (not really) amazed to hear the absolute rubbish coming out of Mark Drakeford's mouth.

I think he said: "We respect the Welsh people who voted to Leave EU, but because we respect them, we want another referendum".

Then, questioned regarding free swimming for over 60s (in the Newport area) and the fact that the public are to be encouraged to stay active, etc he stated that there were only 6% of the population taking up the offer and therefore leaving 94% not interested (at least he can do the maths) and that basically it was a waste of time.

I was unaware of the scheme, and so looked on Google and found that in Bridgend County Borough, you can swim free at Pencoed, Maesteg, Pyle, Ynysawdre, and Bridgend for an hour on a Friday from 4pm – 5pm. That's it: one hour.

Not wishing to be ungrateful but... really?

Just putting it out there.

Alun Howell, Brackla.

'Not every woman read newspapers in 1995'

IN response to Mr Wild's flippant comment last week about women wanting equal rights, of course we do: we should have had them all along.

Unfortunately for women entering the workplace as late as the 1980s, they were not given equal rights and still had to keep fighting, lots having to leave work after having children or not being allowed to join occupational pension schemes.

Equality did not exist for 1950s women in the workplace; overlooked for promotion, low wages to allow for part-time hours to look after children. We did it because that's life, and accepted that we would be there for grandchildren and ailing parents, and guess what? We would have a pension at 60, so not so bad.

We were not adequately informed in 1995 that the rug would be well and truly pulled from under us. If you and your wife saw those adverts and were in a situation to put money aside, then you're lucky.

Over 3.8 million of us did not see or read about it and letters were not sent out to individuals until 2013 (when I got mine, aged 56) and had already left work to help with family.

Six years is a long time with no money, so keep chuckling, because we are not.

Sue Morris, Barry.

Have carpet critics lost the thread?

I AGREE with KJ Langford's letter in support of Wetherspoon's using the Barry Town Council crest on the carpet.

Yet again, politicians are out of touch with the feelings of local people, or just ignoring them.

I suggest we have a vote as to whether we keep the carpet or the council – I know which one I'll vote for.

Mark Bell, Barry.

Carpetgate criticism piles on Plaid

IF it wasn't for the possibility of going to a court that has not sat since 1747 and the potential expense of legal fees involved, the stance taken by Barry Council over the new carpet in the Sir Samual Romilly pub would be hilarious.

Thank the Lord for Councillor Vincent Bailey - the voice of reason.

Surely the council has better things to do than indulge in what is nothing but conceited, arrogant, self important nonsense that could prove colossally expensive.

The carpet is in a position where it dominates and customers entering this noble hostelry cannot fail to see it, which is as it should be.

We residents of Barry Island do not take offence at the decorated statue of a dog [above] displayed in Marco's Coffee bar; we have better things to do.

I suggest that Barry Council gets its priorities right and gets on with the important stuff.

David Alexander, Barry Island

Vale Council should not 'lick the boots of big business'

THE Vale Council, which masterminded the recent Weycock Cross traffic debacle, is also responsible for deeming that same roundabout theoretically adequate for additional traffic generated by the proposed Rhoose industrial estate development, where a 20% uplift of traffic at peak times is projected.

How can the people of the Vale have any confidence in the Council's judgement after this travel chaos?

Speak out now against the untimely development of this industrial estate and insist the travel needs of the people of Barry, Rhoose and environs are looked after, before the licking of the boots of big business.

Bronwen Hughes, Rhoose.

Welsh Water takes customers on a golden ticket tour

CUSTOMERS from across Wales were given a behind-the-scenes peek into how their water company works as part of a competition.

Nearly 20 customers took part after entering a 'Golden Ticket' competition to be given an access-all-areas tour of Welsh Water's sites, as part of National Customer Service Week.

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water serves around three million customers across most of Wales, Herefordshire and parts of Cheshire.

The group toured sites in south Wales – including learning about water treatment processes during their tour of Llandegfedd Reservoir, wastewater treatment at Cardiff Wastewater Treatment Works, and the work the company does to ensure the best possible water quality at laboratories in Glaslyn, Newport.

Customers also had the chance during lunch to question the company's chief executive, Chris Jones, the managing director of household customers, Samantha James, and managing director, Peter Perry, who will take up the chief executive position when Mr Jones retires next April.

The tours were part of the company's activities around National Customer Service Week, to raise awareness of customer service and the role it plays in successful business practice.

Director of customer strategy and communications, Alun Shurmer, said: "These events are invaluable to Welsh Water to ensure we are providing customers with the customer service they want and need. Our customers are at the heart of everything we do, so how we deliver customer service is crucial for our company vision of earning their trust.

"By opening up our sites and showing customers how much work goes into providing them with clean, safe drinking water and cleaning their wastewater - and by getting their feedback on how we should be working together with them - we go some way to ensuring we're working for their benefit."

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL OCTOBER 24

Date	Time	Height (metres)
17/10/2019	09.07	9.6
17/10/2019	21.26	9.5
18/10/2019	09.42	9.3
18/10/2019	21.59	9.1
19/10/2019	10.18	9.0
19/10/2019	22.39	8.9
20/10/2019	10.58	8.7
20/10/2019	23.29	8.4
21/10/2019	11.54	8.3
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22/10/2019	00.37	7.9
22/10/2019	13.16	7.8
23/10/2019	02.10	7.8
23/10/2019	14.49	8.0
24/10/2019	03.39	8.1
24/10/2019	16.09	8.6

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Man assaulted at Elvis Festival

POLICE are appealing for information after a man suffered a head injury following an assault during the Elvis Festival weekend in Porthcawl.

Officers want to hear from anyone who saw a man pushed to the floor in the road outside the Pier Hotel on Porthcawl Esplanade at around 11.30pm on September 28.

The victim spent a number of days in hospital being treated for his injuries and is now at home recovering.

Officers would also like to hear from anyone who may have information about the attacker and would like to speak to a man who was in the area at the time and may have witnessed the incident or circumstances prior to or following it.

The man is described as white, approximately 5ft 8in tall and in his mid-twenties.

He had short dark hair and was wearing a white t-shirt with a black horizontal stripe across the chest and blue denim jeans.

Following the incident he was seen walking in the direction of John Street.

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting 1900364777.

South Wales Police

Czech mates for twinning group

MEMBERS of Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association met at Bristol Airport on September 26 and made their way to Prague.

They spent a few hours the following day in Prague before catching a train to Cheb, near Waldsassen, where they were greeted by their hosts.

On the Saturday morning the group met at the *rathaus* (town hall) and we were given a tour of the building by the town clerk.

The Mayor was in Chodov, visiting one of Waldsassen's other twin towns. The twinners then had a guided tour of the Monastery library, donning special shoes to protect the floor.

A spokesman said that they had a guided tour of the basilica and went to the Kappl Church just outside of Waldsassen.

The spokesperson also reported that on the Sunday some of the group attended a service in the monastery church,

The spokesperson said: "Fond farewells were exchanged next day, and invitations to visit Pencoed made.

"All in all, another fantastic visit to Waldsassen, with a wonderful welcome from everyone there."

Optician keeps eyes on the prize for charity

A MAESTEG man has raised £555.92 for teenagers with cancer by completing the Cardiff Half Marathon.

Marc Farmer, an optician, had his eyes on the finish line with a time of 1:52:44 for the run.

A few years ago, Marc became a 'couch to 5k' runner, eventually clocking up a 10k run every week and losing three stone in weight; when his employer launched a two-year charity partnership with the Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru, Mr Farmer decided to give himself another challenge.

"I decided to bite the bullet and try and double the distance," said Marc. "I currently run from Cardiff to Tredegar House and back – which is roughly 18km – once a week, with an extra 10k or two when I can. This route is pretty hilly in comparison to the Cardiff route, but it certainly gave me the stamina to push through.

"I'm proud to have raised funds for Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru, which does an incredible job of supporting teenagers with cancer and their families. Young people should be focusing on having fun and living their lives to the full, not battling cancer.

"My colleagues and I are eager to do anything we can to raise money to help these teenagers."

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A wheely good idea

PORTHCAWL Christmas Morning Swim has announced a pledge of £1,000 towards the purchase of a beach wheelchair, which will enable less mobile and wheelchair-bound people to access and experience the sea in safety.

The wheelchair will be operated by Coney Surf and based at Coney Beach. Local businessman Corum Champion, owner of Coney Surf, recently launched an online fund raising appeal for £2,500 to acquire the first of two wheelchairs after receiving a review of his business from a local resident, saying how much of a lovely time she and her family had while surfing, and being disabled herself how wonderful it would be to be able to get closer to the sea to watch her family.

A beach wheel chair has fat tyres and other features enabling it to be manoeuvred over soft sand. The wheelchair will be free to use, and any donations received will go toward its maintenance. Announcing the pledge, the chairman of the Porthcawl Christmas Morning Swim, David King said: "Now in its 55th year our annual Swim takes place on Coney Beach and attracts around 1,000 swimmers. If we can help less mobile people to access the beach and the sea in future years, then this seems a fitting way to distribute some of the money we raise for charities and local good causes every year."

The online appeal has already raised £500 online and via donations made at Corum's shop.

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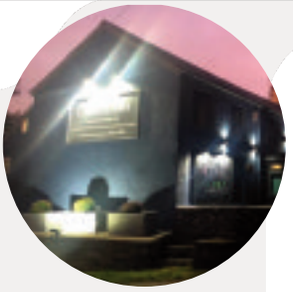

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Buddy takes the lead for Guide Dogs

BUDDY the Labrador has taken the lead in a campaign to make Kenfig Hill guide dog friendly.

Three-year-old Buddy and his owner, Faith O'Sullivan, visited shops and businesses in the village handing out leaflets with advice on helping customers with sight loss. Faith and her husband Joseph signed up to take part in a national Guide Dogs campaign entitled High Street Heroes, in which volunteers promote the access rights of assistance dogs and many premises on the high street are now displaying window stickers saying 'Assistance Dogs Welcome'.

Faith said: "We got a warm welcome from every shop we visited, including Harry's Sandwich Shop, Arlene's Florist, building societies and three pub restaurants. Kenfig Hill is full of businesses and every single one we visited was kind, supportive and very willing to display the sticker."

Andrea Gordon of Guide Dogs Cymru said: "Faith and her guide dog Buddy are a familiar sight in Kenfig Hill, and it is good that they feel so welcome there. The Equality Act 2010 rules that assistance dog owners have the right to access businesses and services without discrimination, yet three-quarters of owners who responded to a recent survey said they had been refused access at some point because they had their dog with them.

"Access refusals can be a really upsetting experience, affecting confidence and the ability to carry out everyday activities." **BP**

Brackla bus fire: claim that emergency exit 'could not be opened'

A BUS taking pupils from the Brackla area to Brynteg Comprehensive School caught fire shortly after pupils were taken off after smoke was seen coming from the engine.

The incident happened on the way to school on Thursday, October 10.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said: "The bus was a privately-arranged vehicle (i.e. not one contracted by the council) for pupils attending Brynteg School.

"We understand that the passengers informed the driver of smoke, and the driver found a safe place to stop so he could investigate.

"The passengers then exited the vehicle, which later caught fire.

"All pupils are safe and are receiving support at school.

"South Wales Police and South Wales Fire and Rescue attended the incident. The council is currently liaising with the school, and will be offering its support."

The bus was operated by Peyton Travel, and the company issued a statement: "One of our vehicles, a Volvo coach, on a school service was involved in an incident on the morning of 10 October when there was a fire in the engine compartment.

"All passengers were evacuated by our driver without injury and the Fire Brigade attended to extinguish the fire. The cause and circumstances of the fire are under investigation.

"The vehicle had been properly maintained and was recently MOT'd.

"We have reported appropriately to the Department of Transport, Bridgend County Borough Council and Brynteg Comprehensive School. We will cooperate in all investigations regarding this event."

A 15-year-old pupil at the school, Ben Crowley, told The GEM: "We were travelling to school and were by The Hunters Lodge in Brackla when we noticed the bus filling up with smoke.

"Cars behind us were beeping, I'm assuming, to alert the driver. I made my way down the front and told him the bus was filling up with smoke.

He pulled in further up the road by the shop.

"Everyone (approximately 40 pupils) were trying to get off the bus. Myself and two sixth form girls were trying to open the fire exit door at the back of the bus but it would not open. We tried pulling it and kicking it.

"While the two girls continued trying to open it, I made my way down the bus doing a sweep of all rows and seats checking that all the children were off or making their way off.

"I'm not sure if the bus driver went around and opened the back fire exit or if the sixth formers got it open but they were leading more pupils off the back exit.

"Myself and the two other girls escorted the pupils up onto Foxfields, a safe distance away from the bus. We performed a head count and comforted the younger children who were upset and shaken up. I phoned for the fire brigade as I was unsure if the bus driver or bystanders had already done it.

"One young boy who suffers with asthma had breathing problems so I sat him down, made him comfortable and he showed me where his asthma pump was. He then administered it to himself. The driver came up and asked us if we were all okay.

"We then split the children into three groups and walked them up onto Channel View where we awaited the replacement bus to take us to school.

"After another head count we continued to make sure the children were okay.

"What I think helped me was my training I have received with the Air Cadets. It has provided me with the skills and confidence to do what I did. I have been a part of the RAF Air Cadets Bridgend 1092 Squadron, where I am a Corporal, for three years.

"It was a frightening situation. However, I remained calm and focused on the younger children as they were shaken up and I felt they needed support and reassurance."

The GEM asked Peyton Travel if the company would like to comment on the above statement on the fire exit door, but at the time of going to press, we had not received one. **GR**

Failing Maesteg school scrutinised

THE headteacher of a Maesteg school placed in special measures has spoken of the difficulty of balancing staff wellbeing in the past 18 months as ongoing inspections fail to observe the necessary progress.

Plasnewydd Primary School has yet to come out of special measures with inspectors concerned about standards in reading, writing and mathematics and the quality of teaching and assessment at Key Stage 2, among other issues. In May, the school was issued with a 'schools causing concern' warning notice by the local authority while in June, Estyn said the school still required special measures.

During a Bridgend County Borough Council scrutiny committee meeting on October 9, headteacher Eleanor Williams told councillors: "I don't know if you can imagine how tricky it's been balancing staff wellbeing with the battering that we have had. To the credit of the staff, they all keep coming in. There have been many schools in this position and staff have left – my staff are determined we will come out of this."

She said progress was being made with literacy standards improving for many, adding the most important thing was to embed new ways of working at the school. Chairman of governors Andy Harding, who joined just over a year ago, said there had been a lot of changes taking place on the governing body. "When I joined it was quite small and had quite a few vacancies.

"Quite a few governors had been on the body for some time, but over the last year a lot of new people have come in and a lot of the older ones have left. There's not this malaise in the governing body any more, it's active, everybody wants to get a word in."

He told councillors he was doing a skills audit with governors having undergone training and more being planned in areas such as speaking with confidence and assertiveness, to ensure the governing body was fit for purpose.

Andrew Williams of the school improvement organisation Central South Consortium said the package put in place at the school was one of the largest it had ever created in the region, with a range of senior leads in the school, two challenge advisers and a strategy of monitoring usually rolled out in secondary schools.

However, councillors raised concerns over the lack of progress being made for the school to still require special measures. Cllr Amanda Williams said rather than high-level management programmes, children just needed to learn the basics, such as how to read. Councillors also raised wider issues relating to school governing bodies in the county where "ineffectual" governors were able to sit on more than one body with some only staying for the first 20 minutes of a meeting and others falling asleep during them.

Bridgend council's education director Lindsay Harvey said the local authority was looking at policies and procedures to do with school governors, and would discuss issues raised at the Bridgend Governors Association.

Cllr Carolyn Webster, chairman of the committee, asked the headteacher if the local authority and Central South consortium could do any more to help speed the process, to get the school get out of special measures. Mrs Williams replied that it could not.

Estyn is due to inspect Plasnewydd again on October 21. Mr Harvey said: "We are really keen to see the school succeed, everyone knows it's been a tough journey." **LB LDR/GR**

Bridgend Quiz League

HERE are the latest results from the Bridgend Quiz League for October 18:

Penybont AFC Nomads 52, Oldcastle A 36; Chatterton Shunters 41, Tondu Railway Club 46; Mackworth Arms 38, Laleston Inn A 46; Crown Maesteg 51, TyRisha Royals 43; Pheasant Pluckers 50, Cabo Roche 44; Laleston Inn B 41, Six Bells Clangers 45; Oldcastle B 32, Prince of Wales Rebels 44; Tondu Railway Locos 27, Pheasant Gamekeepers 51.

If you are interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com. **SK**

Test your knowledge with these teasers from the Quiz League:

1. Which long-running TV comedy programme was set in Oil Drum Lane?

2. In which US state is the city of Chattanooga?

3. With what musical instrument is Scotland's Nicola Benedetti associated?

ANSWERS: 1. Stephen and Son; 2. Tennessee; 3. Violin.

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P/19/665/LIS Proposed replacement of existing 2 ticket machines with new and 2 new floor mounted ticket validators to be installed to serve the night entrance and main station entrance - Bridgend Railway Station Station Hill Bridgend by Transport for Wales - Rail.

P/19/759/LIS Amendment to P/18/761/LIS - relocate back of house loading lift; add a louvred plant screen to east elevation; alterations to the existing western entrance porch and existing eastern public wcs - Maesteg Town Hall Talbot Street Maesteg by Bridgend County Borough Council.
RESPOND BY: 06/11/2019

Jonathan Parsons - Group Manager Planning and Development Services / Rheolwr Grwp Gwasanaethau Cynllunio a Datblygu 17/10/2019

In the dock

Another assault at Parc Prison

THE Recorder of Cardiff, Judge Eleri Rees, has given a stern warning to prison inmates who attack security staff to expect immediate punishment.

The latest defendant, who appeared at Cardiff Crown Court, who carried out an attack at Bridgend's Parc Prison, has been jailed for six months.

He appeared at Cardiff Magistrates Court and was committed for sentence after admitting a charge of assault.

Cory Tomlinson, 21, admitted assaulting a male member of staff.

The Recorder said: "Those who assault prison officers must always expect punishment.

"This was serious: a headbutt followed by punching."

The sentence, she directed, must be consecutive to a term Tomlinson is serving for supplying class A drugs.

Prosecutor Anthony Cheung said Tomlinson was a serving prisoner at Parc when on June 22, at about 12.05pm, two officers went to his cell.

Because of his behaviour, he had been confined there and they went to collect a food tray.

"Suddenly, he headbutted [one of the guards] in the face and punched him. The officers succeeded in pushing him back into the cell.

"[The guard] suffered cuts to his lips and several swellings."

Mr Cheung said Tomlinson had been due for release shortly.

His counsel, Neil Evans, said: "He deserves great credit for his guilty plea and the headbutt took place during a scuffle, after which he struck him with an open palm.

"He was receiving medication for mental health issues. Unfortunately, on that day, his medication had ceased."

He said Tomlinson wanted to apologise and had been immediately moved to a prison in the West Midlands. **AJ Sicluna.**

NCI keeps a weather eye on the waters off Porthcawl

PORTHCAWL'S National Coastwatch Institution dealt with eight logged incident and monitored a further 13 during September.

Incidents included a vessel out of fuel, a dead porpoise, a vessel in trouble off Kenfig Patches and a powerboat tractor trapped in sand which subsequently became swamped by the flooding tide.

The Institution, at the time of writing, has recorded 75 incidents already this year. No other station in the UK has ever recorded that many incidents in a single year.

A spokesman said: "We thank those who supported out recent bucket collection during the Elvis Festival weekend and a special thanks to Mansell's Fish and Chip shop for hosting us once again.

"We held our annual quiz at the Hi Tide which raised £868, including a fantastic cake that was auctioned during the evening.

"An excellent turnout saw local teams like U3A and Duffryn House participate alongside those from further afield, like Worm's Head NCI and Nell's Point NCI among many others.

"We appreciate the continued support of the Hi Tide and all those who regularly attend our fundraising events."

Nick Weedon

Coity councillor claims 'crisis' over housing estate

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Cllr Williams said there were also concerns that Persimmon had only created one play park so far for children on the estate, adding there were no bins, shops or cycle paths.

She said: "The only play parks are on the other side of the estate – with no safe routes or cycling paths, children would have to walk through where they're building to get to them.

"There are shops being planned but instead of one level of flats above the shops, there are now two, so that means 40-odd flats – most are two-bedroom so there will likely be children but where are they going to go to school?"

Cllr Williams, who sits on the local authority's development control committee, said the council needed to put in conditions to make sure facilities were in place before more houses were built.

A spokesman for Persimmon Homes West Wales said it endeavoured to continue to improve the external environment as the development nears completion.

He said: "We cannot comment on the situation with places at Coety Primary School, other than to say a new school has been built as part of the development, part-funded by Persimmon, as agreed as part of the initial planning consent.

"We have agreed to provide bins at the site when the roads have been adopted by the local authority. We are in discussions with the local authority with a view to this happening as soon as possible.

"There is one section of cycle path to be completed which will link the north of the site to the south of the site. We are also currently working on a significant off-site cycle route linking Bridgend town centre with Parc Derwen.

"Furthermore, we are planning to start work on a new footpath, which will provide a pedestrian link from Coity village onto the development.

"Regarding shops, we have an agreement with Co-op for a convenience store and residents will be aware that a planning application has been submitted for further retail units.

"We have agreed to install a further two play areas to the north of the site, which will provide excellent facilities for everyone living in the area. There is safe and secure access to the current play area.

"We meet Cllr Williams regularly to try to address her concerns and will keep dialogue open."

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

Tulip and Three Spouts bag photo competition top spots

PYLE and Porthcawl Photographic Society recently held its annual club competition One, which is split into two sections – prints and digital Images – with a trophy for each.

Rob Greenhill judged both competitions, and not only awarded the points, but also provided critique on each image.

The winner of the Print trophy was Patricia Kendrick with 'Tulip'; the winner of the Digital trophy was Celia Madge with 'Three Spouts'.

A club spokesman said: "Congratulations to both Patricia and Celia for winning the competitions."

Anyone interested in joining the club can pop along to a meeting. The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton, CF36 5NR.

GB

Helping people get back into employment

PRIME Cymru have launched PRIME People Plus, a project which covers Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Conwy, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Swansea.

The new project is aimed at mature people who are either long-term unemployed (12 months plus) or economically inactive.

PRIME People Plus will be providing free one-to-one support and guidance from staff to help people take the first steps towards finding employment, relevant volunteering or training opportunities or setting up in business.

The scheme offers a range of services to people including free support to gain confidence and increase motivation, basic computer skills, how to create a good CV, interview techniques and employability skills and self-employment mentoring to set up a new business.

One person who has been supported by the project and wants to remain anonymous said: "I was introduced to the development officer from PRIME Cymru by the Community Connectors run by my local council. I suffer with bi-polar and with my anxiety I didn't even feel like leaving my home some days. Through working with the officer over the weeks and months I found my confidence had improved, and I wanted to start doing more for the community. We discussed a number of charities that I would like to support and PRIME Cymru contacted them and arranged for me to volunteer with them.

"I have helped collect money for Noah's Ark, Cancer Research, dementia and Help4Wales so far and am looking for more charities that are close to my heart. Without the support from PRIME Cymru I honestly don't think I would have been able to have achieved what I have with my charity work."

The PRIME People Plus project is supported by the Active Inclusion Fund managed by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) supported by funding from European Structural Funds.

AS

Forthcoming events in the area

Coffee at RAFA

PORTHCAWL branch of Kidney Wales is holding a coffee morning at the RAFA Club, Station Hill, Porthcawl from 10.30am on November 14.

Coffee, tea, cakes, raffle, £2 entry.

Rotary fireworks come round again

MAESTEG'S Rotary Club will hold their annual fireworks display at Maesteg's rugby club ground on Tuesday, November 5; gates open 6pm and the display commences at 7.30pm.

Come along to see the Llynfi Valley's premier display and support local charities at the same time. There will be light sticks for sale and the rugby club will have food for sale on the night.

Rotary Christmas post

PORTHCAWL Rotary Club's Christmas postal service will be in operation as last year, with 25p stamps on sale in designated shops in Porthcawl from November 11

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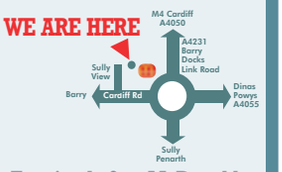

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Craft Fair at Trinity Church

ON Saturday, October 26 a seasonal craft fair will be held at Trinity Methodist Church, Penarth in the church rooms with crafters from near and far providing a wide range of beautifully hand crafted goods for sale, and at the same time helping to raise money for the homeless charity Huggard.

Entry is free, with refreshments on sale throughout.

As well as a baked goods table there will also be a raffle.

This is a great chance to get a head start on your hand crafted Christmas gifts!

Doors open (Woodland Place entrance) from 10.30am and the craft fair will run until 3.30pm.

For more details or to donate a raffle prize or baked goods, contact: Ceri-Lou Newman on 07779 243126,/ email ceri.lou3@icloud.com; or Ro Newman on 01446 701072/email rosemarynewman272@gmail.com.

Hog Roast and Ceilidh

ALL Saints' Church, Penarth is holding a hoe down, ceilidh and hog roast supper on Saturday, October 26 in All Saints' main hall, Victoria Square, Penarth.

The cost is £8 for adults and £5 for children; for further details call Jane on 02920 531188 or purchase tickets from Griffin Books in Penarth.

MAWS AGM

THE AGM of Maesteg Animal Welfare Society will take place on Tuesday, October 29 at 7pm at the Maesteg Town Council offices.

All are welcome.

Welsh Government gets involved in discussions on nature reserve future

ENVIRONMENT minister Lesley Griffiths has said Welsh Government officials have become involved in efforts to find a new body to look after the Kenfig National Nature Reserve.

On Tuesday, October 8, the Assembly Member for South Wales West, Suzy Davies, criticised the Kenfig Corporation Trust which owns the Kenfig National Nature Reserve near Porthcawl during a meeting at the Senedd.

Asking the environment minister about the role of Welsh Government in protecting privately-owned nature reserves of national importance, the Welsh Conservative AM said local residents and volunteers were naturally very concerned, adding the trust had been anything but communicative and transparent about their proposals.

In a written response to Mrs Davies the following day, the environment minister said: "Due to the importance of the site I agree that every effort should be made to secure its future management and my officials have had initial discussions with Natural Resources Wales to raise the issue.

"In recent years there has been a great deal of beneficial work done at both Kenfig and Merthyr Mawr under the EU-funded 'Sands of Life' project.

"The benefits of that work need to be secured for the long term as both sites are covered by UK and EU designations, so any future management responsibilities would need to relate to future scenarios."

At the end of December Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) lease expires for the reserve after several decades of site management by local government.

But there is still no news from the reserve's owners on which organisation will take over the management.

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Earlier this week BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration, Cllr Charles Smith, said that a meeting with NRW had revealed they were looking at linking with a major, nationally-recognised conservation body to manage the reserve.

The Kenfig National Nature Reserve comprises about 1,300 acres of managed coastal sand dunes and wetlands on the coastline between Porthcawl and Port Talbot and is regarded as one of the finest examples of a sand dune habitat in Europe.

The reserve is home to many rare species of plants, insects, birds and animals.

In a statement released last month the trust said it was "working hard to look into options", adding that discussions were ongoing.

Elizabeth Bradfield, Local democracy reporter

Kenkig Nature Reserve's best-known tree. This photograph is by Nick Evans.

Trust absent from nature reserve meeting

THE owners of Kenfig National Nature Reserve near Porthcawl have come under fire for their lack of communication and transparency over future plans for the reserve.

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Asking the environment minister about the role of Welsh Government in protecting privately-owned nature reserves of national importance, the Welsh Conservative AM said: "Local residents and volunteers have naturally been very concerned about the future of this nationally significant reserve as the council will not be renewing that lease.

"The corporation trust which owns the land has been anything but communicative and transparent about their proposals to ensure good management of that land from January.

"I would like some clarity regarding the role of Natural Resources Wales in situations such as this where these national sites appear to be in jeopardy – is it just advisory?"

Mrs Davies also asked whether the government had any powers to compel owners to maintain officially-designated nature reserves to a particular standard or to protect a particular identity.

She was told the environment minister would respond to her questions in writing.

On the same day, Tuesday, October 8, BCBC organised a meeting, inviting NRW and the trust.

However, the trust did not attend.

BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration, Cllr Charles Smith, said: "While the meeting took place without KCT, it was a very useful and positive meeting.

"The NRW officer put forward an interesting proposal which, with some caveats, could provide a clear way forward and a very good plan for the next seven years at least.

"It would involve NRW linking with a major, nationally-recognised conservation body in order to manage the reserve.

"I can't say any more at the moment.

"However, I think it's promising and if the NRW proposed plan has legs it would need to be approved in a cabinet report, which would be in the public domain early November."

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KCT has been approached for comment.

Liz Bradfield
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Concert at St Tyfodwg's raises roof and funds

THE sound of choral music filled the air on October 11 when the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir gave a charity concert at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr.

It was a second visit for the popular choir and the church was full with an appreciative audience. A variety of Welsh, English and Polish songs were included in their repertoire, some old and new.

Among the appreciative audience was Chris Elmore, MP for Ogmore who has regularly supported events at the church over the years.

The proceeds from the concert included a donation to the 'Dreams and Wishes' charity, whose work includes support for families with terminally ill children.

The generosity of all who attended and gave donations was much appreciated.

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Will you volunteer for the Remembrance Cafe?

THE Remembrance Cafe is a pop-up cafe opening on Remembrance Sunday weekend.

Everyone is welcome, especially those who are remembering loved ones: pop in for a cuppa, cake and companionship on Saturday, November 9 between 10am - 1pm or Sunday, November 10 between 9:30am - 1:30pm to Carnegie House on Wyndham Street, Bridgend CF32 1EF.

Volunteers are also needed to supply and run the Remembrance Cafe. Could you donate your time to help set up and run the cafe?

Could you donate some tea, coffee or cakes? Contact Mellissa Roberts at mellissaroberts@hotmail.com@remembrancecafe or visit our JustGiving page to donate funds to help us with advertising and running costs – www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mellissa-roberts.

All of the donations made for hot drinks and cakes are in aid of The Bridgend Veteran Zone, The Royal British Legion and SSAFA.

Details of Remembrance Day services will be published in The GEM of November 7. Send yours to **editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

Events in your area

Bridgend PACT

LLANGEINOR PACT at Llangeinor Football Club, Llangeinor on Wednesday, October 23 at 7pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, October 28 at 7pm.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, November 7 at 6pm.

Garw PACT/ drop-in meetings at Pontycymmer police station on Saturday, November 16 from 1pm–2pm.

Family History Society

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society is on Monday, October 21 at the Len Evans Centre off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF.

The speaker will be Dean Powell who will be giving a talk about 'The Land of Song' at 7.30pm. Refreshments available.

Archaeology in Bridgend

THE Bridgend Archaeology afternoons cover the 'Archaeology of Everything' and the group would welcome any newcomers.

The group meets at the schoolroom in Hope Baptist Church hall (the entrance is just off Station Hill), Bridgend at 2.40pm every week, and newcomers of all ages are welcome.

For further details, telephone 07437 747402.

The remarkable tale of an unorthodox life is retold

WHAT a wonderful story teller is Debra John: not only does she have a remarkable memory (no notes), but she dresses as the character and plays out the whole production process as if she was on stage in a Grand Theatre; not many story tellers could achieve that result, just remarkable.

At Porthcawl Stroke Club, she told the story of unorthodox Elizabeth Amy Dillwyn born in Sketty, Swansea on May 16, 1845 reminded me of the television programme *Gentleman Jack*. Women were not expected to do the jobs of men in those days, but Amy saved 300 workers' jobs when her father's spelter works was financially in trouble. Amy's father and brother died, leaving her to save the company from closure.

No one was prepared to take on such a challenge and, although Amy lost the family home at Hendrefoilan, she rescued the spelter works and saved all those jobs. Amy was a strong determined character who supported social justice.

What an achievement for a young industrial novelist woman, even by today's standards.

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club can contact Keith and Mary Duggan on 01656 773376.

Barbara Matthews

Have your say on planned changes to school transport

PROPOSED changes to school bus transport in Bridgend – which would see many more families having to pay for their children to get to nursery or school – have gone out for public consultation.

The consultation asks for people's opinions on plans to cut free school transport for nursery school children and post-16 students, as well as for any children who live less than two miles from their nearest suitable primary school or less than three miles from their nearest suitable secondary school – if there are walking routes available.

However, pupils attending religious or Welsh language schools in the county who live two miles or more from primary schools and three miles or more from secondary schools would continue to receive free transport, regardless of whether it is their nearest suitable school.

Changes to the transport policy are due to come into force from September 2020.

The local authority is also looking to remove escorts from all taxis and minibuses carrying fewer than eight passengers, but it says it will consider providing an escort for any child with additional learning needs following an assessment of their needs.

The council is also proposing to remove any examples of special circumstances from its school transport policy, where it provides transport for pupils who are not currently eligible.

Examples include where a child has had to move to a different area of the county to escape a domestic violence situation or where a child has a medical condition, such as a broken leg, which requires transport to be made available in the short term.

The consultation asks residents if they believe there are any groups of post-16 students who should continue to receive free transport, such as children in care, disabled young people or those considered at risk of becoming unemployed or not in education or training.

The local authority says it is currently facing unprecedented cuts to its budget, having to find an expected £35m savings between now and 2023.

It is organising a number of consultation events in schools across the county over the coming weeks.

A report by education officers, which went before councillors at a recent cabinet meeting, said the proposal to remove discretionary transport was 'not taken lightly' but continuing its free provision would have a significant impact on the ability of the local authority to support and sustain other critical services long-term.

The consultation started on October 14 and ends on January 5. For more details or to take part in the consultation, visit bridgend.gov.uk/consultation, email consultation@bridgend.gov.uk, call 01656 643664 or pop into the civic offices in Angel Street.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

Tenovus events in the region

IN November there's an early chance to see the Bath Christmas markets and shop away!

Tickets for the coach and entertainment £25 for the trip on Thursday, November 28, available at the Tenovus shop.

Highlight of our year – our Lovelight service and concert at Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge on Friday, December 13. Music and mince pies galore! Tickets £7.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.

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Open mic night in the Green Room

SUSTAINABLE Wales' next event at its performance space, the Green Room, above SUSSED in James Street, Porthcawl, is on Friday, October 25, at 8pm.

There will be two main readers:

Steve Griffiths is a poet and social activist. His Weathereye: Selected Poems contains the best of seven collections over 40 years and Steve Garrett is a Cardiff-based social entrepreneur, writer and musician. He set up Riverside Farmers' Market in 1998 and mentors small businesses.

The wide ranging Open Mic will include film and music, some with an Extinction Rebellion theme.

Croeso cynnes i bawb.

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Opera treat for local primary school

OLDCASTLE Primary School pupils attended the dress rehearsal for the Welsh National Opera performance of *The Cunning Little Vixen* at the Wales Millennium Centre on October 3.

Children from years 5 and 6 were able to enjoy the production, thanks to an invitation from the Welsh National Opera. The trip was extra special as a pupil from Oldcastle Primary has gained a part in the production. Layla is playing a hedgehog and has been a keen participant of music and singing lessons in Oldcastle.

Miss Ellett, music teacher at the school, said: "It was such a joy to see Layla on the stage at the Wales Millennium Centre.

"She has always enjoyed her singing at school and we look forward to many more performances throughout her time at Oldcastle."

New uniform for school choir

THE school has been fortunate to receive funding from Bridgend Male Choir (BMC) to purchase new shirts and ties for members of the school choir.

At the recent annual BMC concert held in the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, the children looked smart in their new shirts and ties.

Headteacher Jeremy Malessa-Thompson said: "We are extremely grateful for the support from BMC. We currently have many pupils who have represented the school in the choir and they certainly look professional in their new uniform. The children thoroughly enjoy performing with Bridgend Male Choir, and they sounded beautiful. We are also grateful to the choir for supporting our music provision in school through a music scholarship programme."

School Spokesperson

Local company helps local children

AS was reported in last week's GEM, staff from Zimmer Biomet in Bridgend spent time bringing the garden at Brackla Meadows Family Centre back to life for the children and young people who use the Action for Children family support services.

Jenny Eagle, from the company said: "We first began working with Action for Children last year during a Christmas toy appeal and shortly after chose them as our charity of the year. The charity do such an amazing work!"

Alison Meredith, Action for Children's parenting monitoring and development co-ordinator at the Brackla centre, added: "We're so grateful to the companyfor their tremendous effort in transforming our outdoor area. It will make a huge difference to the garden and the children will absolutely love it.

"We held a garden party to celebrate our new garden with parents, children and staff and were delighted the team returned for a piece of cake and a chance for everyone to say thank you to the company."

Renewed plea to save Briary Wood from housing development

ONCE again, the Briary Wood Site Of Importance for Nature Conservation is under threat by a local developer/ care provider who appealed against a decision made in May 2019 by Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Department, who refused the planning application.

Briary Wood was originally sold in 2005 with permission for just one property with the remainder of the land and trees being protected by a restrictive covenant. However, over the years, planning decisions have allowed Rhiannon Quick and Gareth Williams to expand this to four dwellings with no consideration to the Restrictive Covenant, which is not considered a material consideration by the planning process.

Numerous healthy TPO trees were removed and their promised replacements never planted. Two of these properties were sold to the Homestyle Care Group who have authority for up to 11 residents in either supported living or residential care between both these homes. The appellant of this appeal, Gareth Williams, the landowner, was criticised in two of the arboricultural reports that were commissioned for having "no obvious tree management and a total lack of tree management" of Briary Wood. One of the report's authors, Clayton Williams Associates, felt most of the trees in Briary Wood had little or "no significant public amenity value" – contradicting the views of local residents who have not been consulted on this. Local residents are sceptical of the true intentions of the developer as they fear a possible mooted 12-14 bed residential care facility or possibly an intention to build 11 homes shown in the original Soltys Brewster report, virtually wiping out the semi-ancient Briary Wood and its complete wildlife and habitat.

The project has potential value to the Homestyle Care Group and that they have invested heavily in building a case from several professional organisations, with their reports redacted over the course of the planning process. Their agent, a senior planning officer at Swansea City Council, has brought her knowledge and expertise to the application and feels they can warrant the removal of a minimum of 20-40 mature trees that are protected by a blanket TPO and further erode the ever-diminishing green belt corridor of Tremains Wood.

There are already concerns over traffic flow in this area and the prospect of potentially 35 recycling/refuse bags at the narrow entrance will exacerbate this problem. Local residents would like the plans rejected after four years of continuous planning applications from the Homestyle Group. Comments are being considered until November 6 and should be addressed to the Planning Inspectorate, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, quoting reference A/19/3238160.

KH

New £25.8m road finished after

WORK on the A4226 between Sycamore Cross and the A48 and the Weycock Cross roundabout in Barry – known locally as Five Mile Lane – has now been completed.

The new road bypasses the winding central section of the old Five Mile Lane, has improved drainage and offers a more direct route between the A48 in the north to the town of Barry on the coast.

A new foot and cycleway has been built along with a bridleway and bridge which will provide a safe crossing for horse riders, and a 60mph limit has also been introduced from Sycamore Cross to the Welsh Hawking Centre.

Welsh Government and Vale of Glamorgan Council said the new road will be safer than the old Five Mile Lane – which was an accident blackspot – and will lead to shorter journey times.

Ken Skates, Welsh Government Minister for Economy and Transport, said: "The road will go a long way to improving connectivity to Cardiff Airport and enterprise zones and also improving road safety. This is a huge step to improving connectivity to the airport."

The new cycleway and footway runs from Weycock roundabout up to the layby on the western side, and then via the old Five Mile lane which is being closed to vehicular traffic at either end.

Then the new cycleway and footway runs from Blackland Farm up to Sycamore Cross, again on the western side.

The bridleway runs northwards on the western side of the new road over a new bridge at Sutton Farm before continuing on the eastern side of the new route up to the side road near Northcliffe Cottage.

Parts of the old Five Mile Lane will remain open to provide access to Duffryn, Moulton and Walterston and would be accessed by three junctions on the new road.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy

Apply for secondary school places online

SECONDARY school admissions for September 2020 open on Monday 21 October and it's quick and easy to apply online.

Parents and carers will have the option of applying for their child's place using an online form available in the 'My Account' section on the council's website.

Councillor Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, said: "To be able to fill in a secondary school admission application online, residents simply need to sign up to 'My Account' at www.bridgend.gov.uk by supplying an email address.

Once the secondary school applications open, parents and carers of primary school pupils who are currently in year six will have until Friday 24 January 2020 to submit their application. Parents and carers are being warned that failure to submit an application by the deadline may result in their child being refused a place at the school of their choice.

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New fingerprinting kit handed out

MOBILE fingerprint technology has been introduced to police officers this month as part of a pilot scheme.

Police in South Wales – along with colleagues in the Gwent force – will be able to use fingerprint readers to confirm the identity of a suspect without taking them to a police station.

The mobile biometric device, called by the backronym of INK (Identity Not Know), scans suspects' fingerprints and will confirm their identity within 60 seconds – if they are already on police databases.

It is claimed the introduction of the tech will benefit members of the public as it will cut the amount of time officers are spending taking fingerprints and allow them to spend more time on the streets.

The pilot will be carried out over three months and reviewed in line with the governance structure of both forces.

SWP

Are you organising a Remembrance Day service? Send full details to **editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

Voting underway in shop awards

AS the Farm Shop and Deli Awards entries closed for another year at the end of September, with 90 entries received from all over the UK and Northern Ireland, the online consumer voting stage will finish on October 31.

The Awards, which have already received more than 3,000 votes for submitted entries across the 11 award categories, invited consumers to visit its website and vote to support their local retailers.

Customer comments are important to the judging process and are a chance to show support for local retailers, and help decide the category, regional and overall award winners.

Voting is a quick and easy process. Consumers can visit the '2020 Entrants' web page at farmshopanddelishow.co.uk/awards, select the retailer(s) and submit an entry online. Online voting closes on October 31, and all voters will be entered into a prize draw to win a delicious Fortnum & Mason food hamper from the Farm Shop and Deli Awards team.

Free to enter, the Farm Shop and Deli Awards, in partnership with The Grocer, are highly respected in the industry for playing an important role in supporting, and celebrating the UK's independent specialist retail market.

Category awards are up for grabs across 11 different specialisms with nine regional awards also available - plus the coveted 'Farm Shop & Deli Retailer of the Year'. There is also a chance for young companies, who opened since April 2017, to also compete for the 'Newcomer of the Year' Award.

The Awards celebrate the highest levels of service, product knowledge, initiative, innovation and community involvement, offered by high-street shops and are judged by a panel that includes experts from the world of speciality retail, fine food and food media.

The entrants were provided with an opportunity to upload an optional video to support their entry and showcase their business. The online entries, videos and consumer votes will be evaluated by the judging panel before being whittled down to a shortlist of finalists, some of whom may receive a 'secret' visit later this year to see the retailers in action. The successful finalists will be announced in March 2020, with the winners revealed live at Farm Shop and Deli Show on March 30.

Nigel Barden, chairman of judges and Food and Drink journalist, said: "It's such a privilege to see the joy on the faces of the Farm Shop and Deli Award winners as their names are read out. All the hard work and long hours are pushed to the back of their minds, with the realisation that they are the finest in their sector."

Find out more, or vote online, by visiting farmshopanddelishow.co.uk/awards.

AS

Harvest thanks paid to farmers

Among those at the service were (from left) Gwyn Thomas, Kate Thomas, Father Edward Dowland-Owen and Aled Jones.

NFU Cymru members in Glamorgan gathered at Margam Abbey recently to celebrate the harvest coming home.

More than 100 people attended the service at the Abbey on October 3, where they gave thanks for the harvest and to the local farming community for providing food all year around.

Aled Jones of the NFU Cymru gave the sermon and Kate Thomas gave the reading on behalf on the YFC.

Gwyn Thomas,county chairman said: "I'd like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate our harvest festival. Special thanks must go to Aled Jones for giving a wonderful sermon and also to the YFC, who dressed the Abbey with harvest foods and straw. It looked lovely.

"I'd also like to say thank you to the north Glamorgan ladies who prepared the food following the service: it was a wonderful spread and one we can certainly be thankful for."

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South Wales escapes latest crimewave

A tempting target for any thief.

THEFTS of parcels and packages from doorsteps across Britain are soaring, but not a single offence has been reported in South Wales Police Force's area.

Data - released as part of a Freedom of Information Request - revealed more than 2,500 thefts were reported to 23 police forces in the UK in the last three years.

However officers in South Wales Police were the only ones - out of the 23 forces who responded to the information request - to not have dealt with a doorstep theft.

Figures showed a rise of 786 thefts in the financial year 2016-17 up to 962 in the 2018-19 financial year - a hike of 22 per cent.

The area with the highest levels of parcel thefts was Lancashire Constabulary, which reported 292 thefts in total and 108 in the last 12 months.

The West Country was also highlighted as a hotspot for parcel cime with Devon and Cornwall Police reporting 264 in total and Avon and Somerset Police dealing with 262 incidents.

Other police forces facing high levels of parcel offences included Leicestershire, West Midlands, Hampshire, Surrey, West Yorkshire and Merseyside.

Areas not being hit by the crime wave as much - exluding South Wales - included Nottinghamshire, Durham and North Wales.

Paul Needler, founder of the smart home parcel delivery solution company iParcelBox, said: "It is clear that the online shopping surge is fuelling a new crime wave of parcel thefts across the UK.

"For opportunistic thieves, the chance to steal an unattended parcel that is sitting on the doorstep is irresistible."

He added: "Asking the delivery driver to place your package under a flowerpot or behind your wheelie bin when you are out should no longer be an option. Instead, it is vital that all online shoppers ensure they have a secure, easy to use, delivery box in place to receive their parcels."

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Bus drivers swap places with blind passengers

PASSENGERS from across south Wales swapped places with Stagecoach bus drivers to raise awareness of the difficulties blind and partially sighted people face when using public transport.

Eleven blind and partially sighted campaigners visited the Stagecoach bus depot in Blackwood on October 10 for a 'Swap With Me' event organised by RNIB Cymru.

As part of the event, drivers were given glasses specially designed to replicate various eye conditions so they could experience bus journeys from the point of view of blind and partially sighted people.

The campaigners and drivers also discussed good and bad bus experiences, and how services could be improved for blind and partially sighted people across Wales.

Lee Alder, who has Lebers Congenital Amaurosis and has been blind since birth, was one of the passengers who joined the Swap With Me Event.

He said: "I have recently started leaving the house again after a period of not feeling able to get out and about.

"Now I use the bus all the time and the drivers in my area recognise me and are very understanding, but this is not always the case and many people feel that bus drivers often forget that we need a bit more assistance. Blind and partially sighted people often need help boarding buses, especially if there's a gap between the curb. It also helps if the driver helps us to put our pass on the machine, asks us where we will be getting off, and waits for us to find a seat before driving away. It is exceptionally important to raise these issues with bus drivers to help them understand what blind and partially sighted bus users need. It really felt like the Stagecoach drivers listened and took on board what we were saying. Many of them said that the simulation helped to change their perspective on visual impairment, which is encouraging to hear."

Simon Furley of Stagecoach said: "The event helps our staff to better understand the difficulties that blind and partially sighted people encounter on public transport. We hope that the volunteers found the demonstrations useful and it has helped to build their confidence when using public transport. Stagecoach has signed up to RNIB's Bus Charter, which confirmed our commitment to accessible transport".

Kirsty James of RNIB said: "One bad experience can discourage people from taking the bus again, but a service that recognises the diverse needs of all its passengers can help people living with sight loss to maintain their independence."

BP

Secretary of State speaks at Cowbridge Business Club

ON October 2 the Secretary of Sate for Wales, Alun Cairns (MP) was the guest speaker at the Cowbridge Business Club.

The evening was an opportunity for local business leaders to meet with the Secretary of State to hear about Wales and the Welsh Economy.

It was clear from the Secretary of State's comments that the Welsh economy and the UK are in a good place.

However, with Brexit on the horizon, it is essential that we all pull together as one to ensure that we keep moving forward in these challenging times.

The question and answer session was a lively affair, with much disappointment from the audience at the Welsh Assembly's unwillingness to move ahead with the M4 relief road.

It was felt by not developing the relief road, that Wales is once again placed at a disadvantage to the rest of the UK.

Business rates was also a key issue, and causing much concern to local businesses as we move towards 2020 and beyond.

Cowbridge Business Club founder Wesley Skene said: "It was tremendous to have Alun as guest speaker at the Cowbridge Business Club.

"After a long trek back from conference and then straight on to London the same evening, Alun made time for everybody and was a superb guest speaker."

The next Cowbridge Business Club is 6pm on Wednesday, November 6 at the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge. To find out how to attend go to www.cowbridgebusinessclub.co.uk.

WS

Valeways walkers take in views of the Vale

ALL sorts of nasty weather was forecast when eight Valeways walkers met John for a seven mile walk starting at the Victoria Inn in Sigingstone.

The group set off through empty fields heading for the reservoir and trig point. From here they went downhill to Wilton Farm before crossing the road and going towards Nash Manor, before turning right and walking down Factory Brook.

A short walk along Factory Road brought them to Llanmihangel Hill where at at the top of the hill, they re-joined footpaths and headed downhill and through woods to arrive in Llandough.

Here they decided to add a short extension to the walk and they crossed fields down and up hill to arrive at St Mary Church. The churchyard here was the scene of a burial without benefit of clergy when the village carpenter buried his father.

They headed towards the bridleway leading down to an old quarry before climbing up steeply to reach Llanmihangel. Noting that the 14th century Llanmihangel Place is for sale, they followed the lanes back to Sigingstone, pleased that none of the threatened showers had transpired.

Thanks to the staff at the Victoria Inn for their hospitality and for the use of the car park.

John Treby

Badger cull should be reviewed, says NFU

NFU Cymru says that statistics reveal that some 12,360 cattle have been slaughtered in Wales in the year to June 2019.

NFU Cymru has urged Welsh Government to urgently reconsider its current bovine TB eradication programme in light of new peer-reviewed evidence.

The evidence within the recently published Downs Report clearly shows that badger culling can result in significant reductions in the number of TB outbreaks in cattle. Research into the effectiveness of the English badger cull in the original cull zones in Gloucestershire and Somerset showed after four years a 66% reduction in new bovine TB breakdowns in cattle in Gloucestershire and a 37% reduction in Somerset.

NFU Cymru president John Davies said: "I am delighted that the NFU's policy has been vindicated and farmers in England can take comfort from the fact that genuine progress is finally being made on tackling this terrible disease, with positive steps being made towards the country becoming TB free. This research is clear evidence of the success of the Westminster Government's bovine TB eradication strategy. This new evidence will only add to the extreme frustration and anger that Welsh farmers are feeling about the inadequacies of the current Welsh Government bovine TB eradication programme. Bovine TB continues to severely impact Welsh farming families emotionally and financially. Latest statistics show that 12,360 cattle were slaughtered in Wales in the year to June 2019, a figure that is totally unsustainable for the Welsh cattle industry.

"It is essential that lessons are learned from the way the Westminster Government has implemented its bovine TB eradication plan in England. This new evidence emphatically shows that the only way forward in eradicating this horrific disease here in Wales, is for Welsh Government to recognise that robust controls to tackle the reservoir of disease in the wildlife population need to be employed. This should be alongside the range of other measures already in operation, such as enhanced biosecurity and cattle control measures. We need a fit for purpose science-based programme that tackles this terrible disease across all its vectors.

"In a letter to the Minister in February, we set out our willingness to work in partnership with Welsh Government to take forward a farmer-led badger control strategy, taking on board the protocols established between the NFU and the Westminster Government. Farmers need to know that Welsh Government will provide the support that farming Ministers in England have given to the bovine TB eradication programme. Post-Brexit, it is essential that farmers in Wales are allowed to compete on a level playing field and are not hamstrung by an ineffective policy. At NFU Cymru we are ambitious for the future of our farming sector, but we must be allowed to rid ourselves of this disease once and for all and move forward with a thriving cattle industry sitting alongside a healthy wildlife population."

FG

Vale Council consultation on council tax - The GEM asks the questions

IN the light of the launch of the Vale Council's consultation exercise – designed to gauge residents' reactions to a rise in council tax, The GEM asked a number of questions on behalf of readers.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr Neil Moore, has responded to those questions.

Why are you talking about increasing council tax when services are being cut?

We are considering council tax increases to ensure that services are not cut, or if they have to be cut they won't be as much as they might have to be otherwise.

I am not sure that everyone knows, but council tax only makes up around a third of the council's annual budget.

The remainder comes mainly from the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) that we receive from Welsh Government. Apart from that, the only other source of income comes from charges we make for services or grants we receive to carry out some specific services.

In relation to the RSG, each council in Wales gets a different amount, and for a number of years the Vale's has always been one of the lowest funded in this way. To make up the budget we have to fund that gap with the money received through council tax.

We also have to remember that during a decade of austerity the Welsh Government has received less and less money from Westminster and in turn this has meant less and less passed on to councils.

While council tax has been increased to help lessen the impact of this real cut in our funding, it has not come close to filling the gap and savings have had to be made. In total the Vale Council has had to make savings of £55m since 2010.

The council lists three options – cutting services, protecting some services and protecting all services – depending on the council tax rise that residents agree to. As Cllr Moore said recently, the council doesn't know yet how much it will be getting from Government next year. Are these three options guaranteed to work for the year ahead?

The Council will not be able to set a budget, or indeed decide on a level of council tax, for 2020/21 until we know exactly how much money we will receive from Welsh Government.

However, planning how to allocate a budget of around £226m across a multitude of vital services is very complex and so we have to start our planning well ahead of when we usually receive this final figure.

Whilst we will have an indication of the settlement from Welsh Government during November or December, we will only have a final figure in the early part of next calendar year – likely to be in March.

In our planning, and for the purposes of the public consultation, we have assumed either a neutral settlement or a decrease in funding of 1% from Welsh Government. This is in line with previous years.

If there is a 1% cut, that means a reduction of £1.5 million, whereas a 1% increase in council tax only raises around £700,000.

If the final settlement is worse than this, we will still need to make greater savings, cut more services or increase Council tax even further.

What percentage council tax rise would the three options above require?

In our consultation, we have used a figure per week to demonstrate what this means to individual residents.

What is important to remember is that the Vale of Glamorgan has traditionally always had a level of council tax lower than the Welsh average, and indeed in recent years the gap between the welsh average and the Council tax set in the Vale of Glamorgan is increasing.

As we have explained in the current consultation, we have the sixth lowest council tax level in Wales and last year we set a council tax increase that was the fourth lowest in Wales.

This is despite having received challenging settlements when compared to the majority of other welsh councils.

Average Band D council tax in Wales has increased by 19% since 2015/16 (£206.30) while the Vale of Glamorgan's council tax has increased by 16% (£175.50) for the same period.

Our budget situation is now such that if we keep it at a level close to this we will have no choice but to significantly reduce the number of services we deliver.

As I have already said, we have reduced our budget by £55 million since 2010 and whilst we will continue in our drive to be more efficient, further savings will have a significant negative impact on many of the highly valued services that the council delivers.

We estimate that an increase of 10.4% would take us to the national average and would, depending on the final settlement from Welsh Government allow us to protect many, but not all of the most important services we deliver.

If the council tax was to be increased to and maintained at the Welsh average, with a cash neutral or 1% reduction in the settlement from Welsh Government, there would still remain between £3.7m and £8.2m of savings to be identified for the next 3 years.

Clearly a better Welsh Government settlement would mean the need for less savings and would allow us to protect more services, but at this stage in the budget process we simply do not know what settlement we will receive from Welsh Government.

A further slight increase would, we believe, be enough to enable us to continue to provide all of the services we currently offer for 2020/21, although again this very much depends on the final settlement from Welsh Government.

People often accuse councils of having too many staff. What is the council's view on this?

Firstly, people should remember that councils like the Vale only employ staff to do one thing, and that is to deliver essential public services. Everyone who works for the Vale Council is involved in delivering one of the many services that we know are so important to those people that use them. No other single organisation provides as many services as the local Council.

That said, we have reduced our operating costs and the number of staff employed by the council considerably in recent years. In many instances we have done this by working more efficiently or by delivering services in partnership with other organisations.

For example, the Vale delivers services like trading standards and environmental health to both Cardiff and Bridgend and saves money for all three authorities by doing so.

We are also working far more closely with the Health Board and are sharing key positions to save on costs. We are also working closely with community groups and volunteers to deliver highly valued local services like libraries and community transport.

Why don't you cut the numbers and lower the salaries of senior management instead of increasing council tax?

This is exactly what we have done. Reducing the number of senior managers and cabinet members has saved more than £400,000 a year. In doing so, we now have one of the smallest management structures and cabinets in Wales.

We have also changed the way in which numerous services are delivered, for example how we maintain the Vale's parks and highways, to make sure they are as efficient as possible.

However, while we have had success in cutting costs we are also having to deal with unprecedented increases in demand for some of our services, most notably adult social care, children's social care services and education.

As a result, education and social care now account for 83% of the council's budget.

With demand for these services continuing to grow we find ourselves in a situation where unless we make big changes, there will be no money available to pay for any other service by 2025. We won't be able to maintain local parks, environmental services or highways. Clearly this is just not sustainable.

Will there be any other ways of letting the council know what you think, other than online?

Yes, we are running budget roadshows at libraries across the Vale throughout October. Full details can be found on our website.

When will the consultation close?

Residents have until November 8 to tell us what they think.

PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST CARE HOME FEES

Devonalds Solicitors are a Bridgend and Rhondda Cynon Taff based law firm who offer a full range of legal services, and have recently opened a new Bridgend office at the impressive and historic building at 10 Dunraven Place, Bridgend, CF31 1JD. Alex Kilby, Partner at Devonalds and head of Bridgend office explains how you could potentially save on care home fees in the future by making a special type of Will.

Care home fees later in life can be a worry – even though people are living longer, there is a chance that one or even both partners will require long-term residential care at some point. Most people assume that they will pass on their house to their children or other relatives when they die, yet this may not always be the case unless careful arrangements have been made to protect your house from being used to pay care home fees.

Can't I just transfer my Property to my children now?

Unfortunately, this is not usually a good idea as if any of your children became bankrupt, get divorced or die during your lifetime, that share you transferred to them could be at risk. The local authority also have the power to overturn any such transfer if they feel that it has been done solely to avoid care home fees . There is no time limit as to how far back the local authority can go. There are also various (capital gains) tax implications when the Property is sold in the future.

What can I do about it?

Most couples own their home in such a way that when the first of them passes away, the home is then owned wholly by the survivor. If the survivor then goes into care, the whole of the property can be taken into account by the local authority, when assessing if care costs are payable. Do you own your home in this way?

However, you can safeguard 50% of the family home by changing the way you own your home, and by placing your share in what is known as a Property Protection Will Trust. This is a special type of Will which includes a provision that when you die your share of the Property is placed into Trust whilst allowing the survivor to continue living in the Property for the rest of their days.

Let's take an example of Mr and Mrs Jones. They own their home between them as joint owners, but don't have much by way of savings. They want to make sure that the family home is not used to pay for care home fees in the future. If Mr Jones dies first he leaves his half share of the home in a Property Protection Trust, with the remainder of his estate left to his wife. Mrs Jones has a right to live in the home together with the ability to move house. If Mrs Jones then required long term care, the local authority could only take into account the half of the home owned by her. The half left to the children by Mr Jones would be protected from the local authority, and there is nothing they can do to overturn it. Even if Mr and Mrs Jones's children are made bankrupt, become divorced or predecease Mrs Jones, her occupation is secured. On Mrs Jones's death, the Property Protection Trust comes to an end and the half share of the house transferred (or the sale proceeds paid) to the children.

Can I still move?

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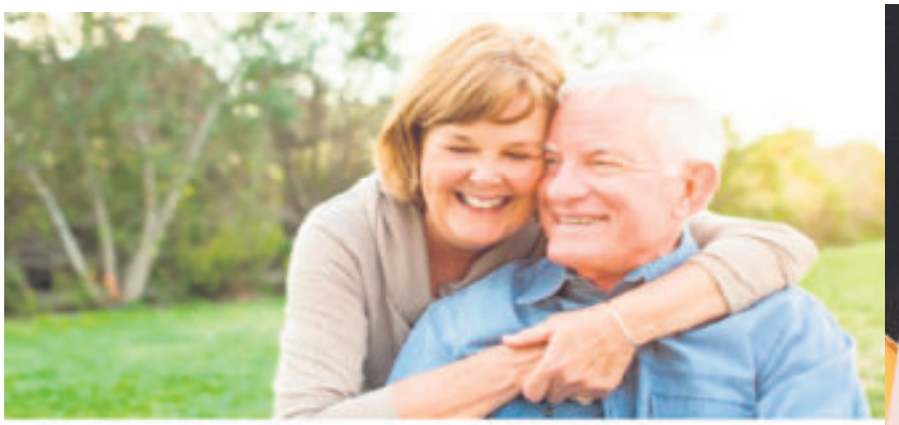

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Homemade cupcakes help boost funds at charity coffee morning

Romily's, Barry, would like to thank all the customers who supported their recent Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising £348.40 for the charity.

Free advice for seniors

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, October 22 from 10am to 12pm.

If you need advice on Will Making, Power of Attorney, Living Wills then come along and chat to a local legal team. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Independent living advice

IF you need advice on acquiring aids to make life easier while living independently, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale can help with a drop-in advice session on Tuesday, October 22 from 10am to 12pm at their Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Get advice on stair lifts, home adaptations, mobility aids etc. Snowdrops Independent Living will give advice to find practical solutions to your difficulties.

For further information call 01446 732385 or just come along.

Probus club's talk on Tierra del Fuego

THE Probus Club of Penarth met on Tuesday, October 15 when the guest speaker was Al Venables, who gave a talk entitled 'Tiera Del Fuego and Antarctica'.

Antartica is the world's biggest ice mass. It is not only the driest place on Earth, but also the windiest. There is a population of about 4,000 in the summer and about 1,000 in the winter. During his visit aboard a converted Russian research ship, he viewed an abundance of wildlife and breathtaking landscapes.

The next meeting will be held on November 19 with a talk by Emeritus Professor Hywel Francis entitled 'Wales and the Spanish Civil War'.

New members are always welcome to join Probus and is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age. The meetings are normally held every third Tuesday of the month at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully. The club meets at 10am for a 10.30am start with guest speakers on varied topics of interest. Light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12 noon. If anyone is interested in joining Probus,contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793.

Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club

CLUB members travelled to Rhondda to compete in the final gala of the 2019 season on October 5 with the Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club being the host team.

The 19-strong team competed against five others and there were a lot of close finishes in the competition – there were a lot of straight finals too.

At the end of the competition, the whole swimming club team came joint second place with the Rhonnda Polar Bear Swimming Club's team. The medals won were: Girls' 50m and Boys' 100m; Silver – Girls' 25m, Boys' 25m, Girls' 50m, Men's 50m, Girls' 100m, Boys' 100m and Junior Relay; Bronze – Men's 50m and 100m.

The rest of the team also contributed to the club points. **NC**

Homeowners fork out nearly £18,000 on every day items, research shows

HOMEOWNERS in Wales spend £17,679 over their lifetime replacing the gadgets, appliances and furnishings they use the most in their homes, according to new research.

From small electrical goods like the kettle to larger pieces of furniture such as the living room sofa, which homeowners in the region sit on over 1,667 times a year, residents are spending a small fortune replacing the goods they use the most day-to-day.

The research, conducted by Origin, reveals the goods that get the most wear and tear over the course of the year and therefore where homeowners in Wales should invest in the best quality to avoid having to regularly spend on replacements.

The kitchen kettle is the most used furnishing in the home, closely followed by the front door, which is opened and closed 1,678 times per year. It also takes an extra battering during family rows, as more than one third (36%) of those living in the region admit to slamming it when emotions run high. The TV (used 1,315 times), a favourite armchair (used 992 times), the wardrobe (used 690 times) and the cooker (used 661 times), also make the list.

The study showed small electrical items, such as a kettle and toaster, are generally replaced every four years, while larger more expensive items, such as a new sofa or armchair, are upgraded as frequently as every nine years.

When the rate of replacement is analysed alongside how much homeowners are willing to spend on each of the top ten most used objects in the home, it sets the combined replacement costs at almost £17,679 over the lifetime of the average Welsh homeowner. This is actually £1,579 less than the next nearest region.

For example, homeowners are willing to spend £29 on a new kettle, according to the research. A replacement every four years means that they will buy nearly 15 throughout their lifetime – spending over £435 on this essential kitchen gadget alone.

Ben Brocklesby, Director at Origin, said: "We were interested to find out which goods and furnishings in the home are put through their paces on a daily basis, and therefore where homeowners can actually save money in the long run by buying better quality. By making a simple change in looking out for products with guarantees over and above the industry standard, particularly when replacing the most used items in their property, they can be reassured that their goods will stand the test of time."

The 10 most used items in the home:

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Farming community heads to capital

THE Glamorgan committee for the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society (RWAS) brought the country to the City on Sunday, October 13, organised by Russell Capeling, Rachel Edwards and team, in conjunction with the Tractor Boys of Aberthin.

An impressive array of vintage and modern tractors (75 vehicles) assembled at Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe by kind permission of E Reader and Sons.

After light refreshments, it was time to start the engines and set off from Wenvoe. The convoy went to Culverhouse Cross, down through Ely, to Pencisely Road and onto Cathedral Road.

Russell Capeling said: "At the entrance of Sophia Gardens we were met by Mr Wayne Issacs and his carriage drawn by four white horses. The procession filtered around to the front of Cardiff Castle and around the Civic Centre. On exiting Cardiff we came back via the front of the castle and headed out via Canton to our final destination of Wenvoe.

"We would like to thank the general public for their enthusiasm and support given to us on every step of the route. Feedback has been immense with a lot of positivity which has overwhelmed us immensely.

"We would like to thank the media and all of our sponsors for their support in what we know to be the first tractor run to be held through the city to date.

"Look out for the Tractor Run in 2020, on a date to be announced."

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Bucking the trend with house prices

WALES continues to 'buck the trend' seen across England as the average house price in Wales has climbed to reach a record peak of £191,006 over the last three months (July – September).

The figures have been released from Principality Building Society's Wales House Price Index for Q3 2019, which demonstrates the rise and fall in house prices in each of the 22 local authorities in Wales.

House prices have risen in Wales by just over 2% both quarterly and annually, but the average house price remains approximately 40% lower than in England, where the average price is £305,000.

Six local authorities established new peak prices in Q3 – Bridgend (£175,144), Carmarthenshire (£166,769), Cardiff (£239,788), Newport (£202,947), Pembrokeshire (£207,561) and the Vale ofGlamorgan(£277,735).

Tom Denman at Principality Building Society said: "First time buyers, holiday lets and people seemingly not allowing the shadow of Brexit to deter them, means average house prices in Wales continue to buck the trend seen in regions across England.

"It also seems home movers are continuing to buy higher value properties and overall house sales are up compared to the same quarter in 2018.

"The growth in average house prices is underpinned by historically low interest rates, a shortage of housing supply and relatively high employment.

"It will be interesting to see if this upward trend continues for the rest of the year as Brexit negotiations reach a critical stage."

Bethan Jones

Dog of the Week

TOBY is an eight-year-old Terrier cross. He can be a worried chap in new situations and around new people.

However, once Toby knows you, he is a very friendly boy who loves a fuss.

He is looking for a quiet home where he can be given time to settle in and grow in confidence. Toby will need to meet new owners a few times at the centre to build up a relationship before going into his new home. Toby can be a little unsure around new dogs initially, so would benefit from having continued socialisation when out and about on walks as he has managed to find some nice doggy friends at the rehoming centre. Toby can live with children 14 years and above and he would prefer to be the only dog in the home. Molly Brooke of Dogs Trust said: "The best way to Toby's heart is to have some tasty treats for encouragement and he will soon become your best friend." For more information visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Waste not, want not!

THOUSANDS of people in Wales are choosing to bin household items or furniture that could be otherwise recycled, reused or donated, according to a new British Heart Foundation survey.

A similar pattern is seen across the whole of the UK with three in 10 (30%) first time buyers and renters surveyed throwing away furniture, electrical items and homewares in good enough condition that they could have been re-used, sold or donated. The charity retailer said this could be linked to the rise of 'fast furniture' – replacing items in good condition due to rapidly changing interiors trends.

According to those surveyed, the most likely reasons preventing those in Wales from recycling or donating more of their furniture and homewares were not having the means to transport it (16%); wanting to get rid of things as quickly as possible (13%); and not being bothered to re-sell or recycle it or not knowing how to donate it (8%).

The survey has been released as part of the BHF's Reuse Revolution campaign, which is encouraging the people of Wales to shop, upcycle and donate second hand furniture. The charity say that millions more people could be benefiting from the unique, high-quality and affordable items that are available second hand.

The survey also found, despite the financial pressures of buying a first home or taking on a new rental property, under half of people in Wales (40%) have bought second hand furniture and homewares. Similarly, just over a third (33%) have taken advantage of second hand sites like eBay and Gumtree. This suggests that thousands of first time buyers are overlooking the opportunity to find good quality, unique and affordable furniture through sources like second hand furniture shops or via online resell outlets.

Allison Swaine-Hughes, Retail Director at the heart foundation, said: "Last year the British Heart Foundation rescued 74,000 tonnes of items from landfill due to the generous donations of our supporters. But we know that there are still so many more sofas, side boards and beds out there that aren't yet ready for the tip and could provide an ideal and affordable answer for those looking to furnish their home on a budget.

"This month we are asking the public to join the Reuse Revolution and shop, upcycle or donate their second hand furniture while helping to raise funds for life-saving research in to heart and circulatory disease. You can simply call your local shop to arrange a free donation."

Last year, the heart foundation reused and recycled over 42,000 tonnes of furniture and electrical products including 185,000 sofas and 50,000 TVs. This helped prevent 53,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions being released into the atmosphere.

For further information on the Reuse Revolution and information about how to locate your nearest BHF shop, visit www.bhf.org.uk/ReuseRevolution.

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WHEN it comes to booking that work do (or office party) for Christmas, just about the worst thing you can do is think too much and try too hard.

There is, of course, a great deal of pressure involved – it would be foolish to deny that.

The trouble is, that desire to get everything quite right can be your worst enemy, and it can lead to the main pitfall of party planning – being too late to get your choice.

It soon gets round the office that the 'first choice' was already booked – and then the second, and so on until the word among the staff is that it has all gone pear-shaped and that everyone has to make do with a place that was nowhere near first on the list.

Workplaces often get in this position when they set up a 'party group' who research the options, have a few meetings, talk endlessly, and then go home having failed to agree.

In the meantime, popular venues in the area are taking bookings and filling up.

While this 'party group' have the best intentions, the whole thing so often fails to come together, because the more opinions that are offered, the more complicated it all gets.

Oops! There goes another popular venue – all booked up.

However, if the working party gets stuck in and makes a firm, early decision, then what happens is that everyone in the office adjusts – because they know it was not a last-minute choice.

It won't be perfect for everyone – no place ever is, but it was a choice – not a last minute substitute.

So, if you draw the short straw and are involved in planning the office party, remember that the worst thing you can do is let the process drag on.

You might end up with a brilliant venue, but the delay will mean that some fellow workers will approach the evening with suspicion.

Here in the Vale, diners are spoiled for choice, because keen competition keeps standards high.

It's far more important to make a firm decision than to get stuck in a spiral of pointless research.

The moral of this Christmas tale is simple: Be decisive, don't dilly dally, and get your venue booked now!

PHILIP IRWIN

Christmas Party Guide

Be 'Drink Aware' this Christmas

CHRISTMAS parties – whether an office do or a social event – are there to be enjoyed, but careful planning can make sure there are no negative consequences after the event!

The drink awareness charity, Drinkaware (www.drinkaware.co.uk) has a number of tips designed to get revellers to drink responsibly and make the most of the office party.

The charity quotes the example of a 36-year-old manager of a computer company. In the past he's dreaded having to organise his firm's annual bash.

He said: "Some of my co-directors have been in business since the 1970s, when all-day drinking was considered the point of any Christmas party,

"They used to order constant rounds and everyone else had to keep up. By about seven o'clock, we all felt completely trashed."

After too many hungover telephone calls to restaurants apologising for the previous night's behaviour (and trying to locate lost coats and handbags), Roger decided to ring the changes.

He said: "These days I try and make sure that there's plenty of mineral water available on the tables for everyone, and that people don't feel pressured to order alcohol.

"Most staff still enjoy a drink, but it does help calm everything down."

The good news is that soft drinks are no longer seen as an unsophisticated option. With upmarket organic lemonade and cola, plus a wide range of alcohol-free cocktails increasingly available, taking a breather from the wine, beer or spirits does not have to be boring.

Alternating alcohol with softer options helps you make the most of the night ahead.

Non-alcoholic drinks keep you hydrated and ensure that you are still partying when others have long since flaked out.

He added: "One of the things I've realised is that pacing yourself is important.

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Christmas Party Guide

Navigating the maze of the Secret Santa at your Christmas party

LOVE it or loathe it, Secret Santa season is coming. Jenny Stallard reveals how to please even the trickiest office colleague...

Ahh, Secret Santa. The LOL-tastic way to show a colleague or friend just how well you don't know them.

Yep, come Christmas, it's custom to be tasked with buying someone we hardly speak to the rest of the time a present, often for either £5 or £10 (or sometimes £20 if you're really unlucky).

But, if you're usually stuck in a quagmire of present-buying stress, fear not. Here's how to navigate the Secret Santa maze successfully.

Do a bit of research about your giftee

It's actually quite easy to get something your colleague would like.

Have a look at their desk, spend some time listening in to their general chats. Are they a dog or a cat person? How about their favourite team? Little clues can make a big difference - and while they'll then love their gift, it cuts down your shopping time dramatically, too.

Spend the full amount

The only variation on this rule is if something is reduced to the amount allocated (for instance, the budget it £10 and you manage to find a £20 product that's reduced to a tenner).

It may be tempting to get something for £8 when the budget is £10, but that's a real no-no.

After all, how would you feel if you spent £10 and someone else only spent £8?

Top up with Christmas chocs or a mini bottle of wine or fizz if you have some money to spare.

Avoid anything too smelly

It's tempting to head straight to the bubble bath department when shopping for Secret Santa.

And that's OK, as long as you keep it neutral.

Now is not the time to test if they're keen on that new cranberry/mince pie mash-up shower gel you saw.

Again, looking for clues to their taste can be key. Are they always wafting through the office in a cloud of perfume?

Or perhaps more understated?

Be careful with novelty items

Ahh, how funny when you get some Christmas-themed deely boppers and a Mrs Claus sign for your desk, while you've spent hard-earned time and money on something they might actually use/like.

While it can be tempting to get something novelty, it's just going to end up being re-gifted - or worse still, in landfill.

Less plastic is key at Christmas, after all. Unless, of course, they LOVE novelty, in which case go for it - with bells and unicorn horns on.

Feeling super kind? Then get a gift receipt. That way they can swap for something they really want and they'll love you (even if they don't know it's you) forever.

It can be fun to make someone something - especially if you do know them well.

The same rules apply with spending the right budget, and sticking to their taste.

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Like a shot...

IN 1968, the legendary Steve McQueen starred in what can only be described as one of the best car chase scenes you will probably ever witness in a lifetime, in the film 'Bullitt'.

This brings me on to this week's review of the very special Ford Mustang 'Bullitt' edition that Ford has produced – something which I have been lucky enough to spend a week driving it around in, while also pretending to be Steve McQueen – well, for few moments anyway.

Before I move on to the review, I just wanted to say, thank you, Ford, for producing something so iconic, and something that we can all now continue to look forward to seeing out on the open road for many years to come. The Ford Mustang 'Bullitt' is a real nod to the original Ford Mustang that Steve used in that famous scene back in 1968 and something that needs to be treasured by all.

Power and Efficiency: Powered by a 5.0-litre V8 quad-cam 32 valve engine. Max power comes in at 459PS with the addition of 529Nm of torque. Max speed is also around 155mph and a 0-62 time of around 4sec (estimated by me). You also get a wonderful 6-speed manual gearbox which is smooth and well refined.

I have to say that the sound from that V8 is intoxicating and it never gets boring. I am sure you all want to know what the MPG is, so for all you eco-warriors – please turn away now. You can – if you try hard - return a combined 28.2mpg; not bad then when you consider the size of that engine. If you give it the full beans it will return around 13.6mpg. But, to be honest I don't care. The 'Bullitt' could return 10mpg and I wouldn't even blink an eye.

On the road: A joy to drive no matter where you are going or on what road surface you are driving it on; also, as the Mustang is rear-wheel drive you do need to remember that it's very easy to spin up those rear wheels due to the massive amount of torque coming from that V8 engine.

Into the corners, it also felt planted and not heavy or cumbersome at all. If you feed in the power at the right time - into the right corner- then you will be rewarded with a massive amount of traction and speed in and out of every corner – along with a big smile that goes from ear to ear.

Design & Technology: The look says it all really: owning a Mustang for me is about as exciting as it gets because it's all about the presence on the road – that is something you just can't ignore. What makes this version even more special are those ties to such an iconic film.

This special edition Mustang is festooned with 'Bullitt' detailing and badges, as well as a custom 'cue ball' gear shift and unique 19" 5-spoke alloy wheels. That's not the end either, you also get: 'Bullitt' badges and an instrument panel that's had the vehicles unique chassis number embedded into the dash, along with Brembo six-piston front brake callipers painted red front and back, active exhaust system with quad tailpipes, launch control, electronic line lock, adaptive cruise control, SYNC3 navigation, including B&O PLAY 1000w premium audio system with 12 speakers. ESP with three different settings and unique green stitching on the interior along with its Dark Highland Green paint finish on the outside.

To sum up: The Mustang 'Bullitt' is an epic car and I am now a lost soul who needs additional therapy. I will now be saving every penny I can in the hope that one day I become the proud owner of such an iconic car.

Motors review by Tony Yates

What's on in the area

Volunteering with GVS

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) will host a mini Volunteering Event on Thursday, October 17 at Penarth Library, 9-10 Stanwell Road from 11am–1pm.

Come along to embark on a new adventure as a volunteer and open up a world of opportunities. Chat with local volunteering providers and find the right opportunity for you.

Volunteering is a good way to get to know your community better, meet new people, and gain new experiences. You'll also boost your chances of finding paid work.

If your voluntary or community group is looking for funding for core or project costs, GVS' development officer, Dave Edwards, will be at the event to discuss your funding requirements.

For all enquiries contact GVS: 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, October 17 there is a demonstration of painting an abstract landscape scene by Hazel Pickering, an elected member of the Birmingham Watercolour Society.

On Thursday, October 24 there will be a demonstration of painting in acrylics by Stuart Roper who is represented by numerous galleries throughout the UK.

The society meets in the Old Hall from 7pm–9pm on Thursday evenings for 10 sessions each term. Painters, non-painters and visitors are most welcome, come along and see for yourself.

If you are interested in joining, details of this term's programme are available in the foyer of the Old Hall, Cowbridge and full membership information plus the complete 2019/20 programme is available on our Facebook page, facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

FocusBARRY.

THE autumn meeting will take place at The Park, corner of Bell Street and Park Crescent, at 7pm on Friday, October 18.

The first item will be presented by Rod Harrod and Roger Pattenden of the Barry to Cardiff link road group.

The implication of the second phase of the Cardiff link road study approved by the VoG Cabinet will have a significant impact on the Barry highway infrastructure.

Barry residents will want to know about the implications of recent Cabinet decisions before it's too late to influence the decision takers.

The second item will be a presentation by Marco Zeraschi who will give a personal view about Barry Island issues.

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 19 in the small community room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am.

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What is the Offer?

30 hours a week of funded early education and childcare for eligible parents of 3 and 4 year olds, for up to 48 weeks of the year. The 30 hours will consist of a combination of the existing Foundation Phase Nursery (12.5 hours) open to all 3 and 4 year olds, and the additional funded childcare (17.5 hours) for eligible families. During the school holidays it will just consist of 30 hours funded childcare, allocated at three weeks per term.

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The third round of applications will open on the 1st November for children who were born between September 1st and December 31st 2016.

All complete applications submitted with all correct evidence by 25th November 2019 will be responded to by 16th December 2019 with a funding start date from 6th January 2020 (the beginning of Spring Term).

Incomplete applications received between 1st – 25th November 2019 will take longer to process.

You can still apply after 25th November 2019, but funding may not be guaranteed for the start of the Spring Term.

Applications are already open for children who were three years old before September 1st 2019.

You (and your partner, in a two-parent family) will need to submit three months of payslips, or your self-assessment form, your recent council tax letter and your child's birth certificate – scanned copies or uploaded photos are accepted.

You can apply online: **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis**

Who can access the Offer?

Parent/s must be employed or self-employed and permanently reside in the Vale of Glamorgan; both parents must be working in a two parent family, or the sole parent in a lone parent family and earn a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours at the national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW) and be able to prove they are working via their earnings. Further information is available regarding parents on maternity/paternity leave, certain types of benefits claimed etc.

Additional support is available for children with additional support needs. Please indicate this on your application form.

For more information and support with your application, come along to the drop in session on October 24th, at Barry Dock Office, between 4.30 and 6.30 p.m, or contact the Family Information Service 01446 704704 fis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

The application form is available online: **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis**

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- One bed bungalow
- Wet Room
- Community Alarm

Rent £111.67 per week inc water/alarm

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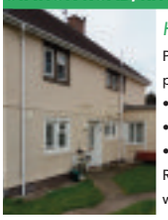

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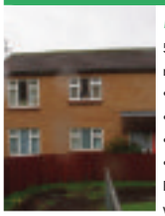

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- Community Alarm

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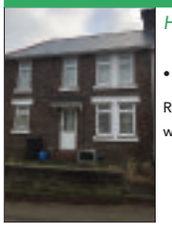

H4U reference 204278

- Two bed house

Rent £120.46 per week inc water

HILLARY RISE, BARRY

H4U reference 212251

Pref to apps with a medical priority

- Two bed flat
- Ground floor
- Step in shower

Rent £93.90 per week inc water

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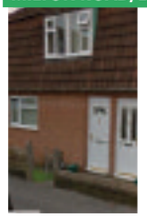

H4U reference 216726

- Two bed house

Rent £115.56 per week inc water

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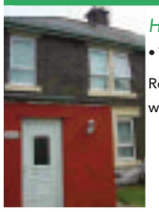

H4U reference 218190

- Three bed house

Rent £124.09 per week inc water

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H4U reference 244010

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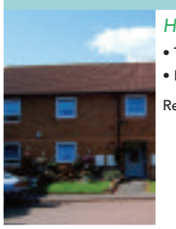

H4U reference 1002488

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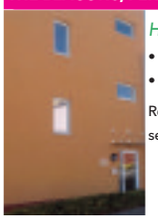

H4U reference 196926

- 1 bed flat
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Rent £96.13 per week inc service charge

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H4U reference 195843

55+

- Two bed flat
- Ground floor

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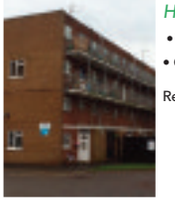

H4U reference 197982

- Three bed maisonette
- Ground floor

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PHILLIPA FREETH COURT, BARRY (NO PETS)

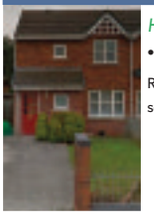
H4U reference 198522

55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority

- One bed flat
- Ground floor
- Level Access Shower
- Scheme co-ordinator on site

Rent £125.81 per week inc service charge

POETS FIELD ROAD, BARRY



H4U reference 198534

- Two bed house

Rent £102.44 per week inc service charge

GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH (NO PETS)

H4U reference 1003787

55+

- Studio Apartment
- Ground floor
- Level access Shower
- Communal Access and gardens
- Scheme Co-ordinator

Rent £133.76 per week in service charge, water rates and heating

FFORDD ELIN, BARRY

H4U reference 1079863

Preference to apps with a wheelchair priority

- Two bed house
- Stairlift
- Level access shower
- Wheelchair accessible

Rent £104.22 per week inc service charge

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Vale MP urges Llysworney residents to engage with consultation

VALE MP Alun Cairns has urged residents in Llysworney to engage with the Vale Council's public consultation on proposals to ban HGVs weighing over 7.5 tonnes from travelling through the village.

There has been a strong campaign from local residents, following years of struggling with the volume of HGV usage on the route through the small village and the Vale MP has been campaigning them for over a decade to have HGVs removed from Llysworney.

Mr Cairns has engaged with the community in Llysworney and raised their concerns directly with the Vale Council.

Following this, the Council has agreed to consultation on proposals to have HGVs banned from travelling through the village.

Mr Cairns said: "I fully recognise the significant issues that the passage of HGVs presents to the community in Llysworney. In addition to the congestion issues, it is clear that HGVs are totally unsuitable for travel on narrow country lanes. It is a matter that I have campaigned on for over a decade and The GEM has rightly highlighted it on many occasions.

"Now that we've successfully secured a proposal and consultation from the Vale Council, it is vital that the residents engage fully with the consultation to show support for the proposals, which stand to benefit Llysworney. I want to pay tribute to Cllr Christine Cave and the local community who have consistently campaigned for this."

The consultation is now live until Friday, November 1. Residents should write to Director of Environment and Housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Quarry Road CF5 6AA, quoting reference IF902.

NRW decision to restrict pest control is damaging for wildlife and farming, says FUW

THE Farmers' Union of Wales has slammed a decision by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to further restrict the ability of farmers and conservationists to control birds which are damaging crops or livestock, spreading disease or causing harm to species of conservation concern.

New General Licences for the control of certain bird species came into effect on October 7, introducing significant additional restrictions for farmers and conservationists, compared with the current licence - and they even tie the hands of NRW staff seeking to protect rare species on Welsh Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

FUW Land Use Committee chairman Tudur Parry said: "NRW are running scared following a legal challenge earlier in the year in England from pressure group Wild Justice. No such legal challenge has been made in Wales. It was certainly right of NRW to have reviewed the current legislation, but the new licences go further than just making them legally watertight. The review has been hijacked by those wishing to introduce additional and unnecessary restrictions which are unrelated to the risk of a legal challenge."

Mr Parry said that the advice given by the FUW and others with an interest in farming and conservation had effectively been ignored, and the new rules would prevent or restrict important conservation and prevent farmers from protecting their crops and livestock.

Mr Parry added: "NRW has statutory obligations protecting biodiversity, but has introduced changes which will actually make it more difficult to control species that cause immense damage to wildlife. They have even added an extra layer of restrictions close to Sites of Special Scientific Interest, which will now be more vulnerable to attacks by certain bird species."

Responding to the decision to no longer allow rooks to be controlled where they are damaging crops or spreading disease, Mr Parry said: "Rooks cause huge damage and can decimate vast areas where seeds have been sown, and failing to prevent such damage being caused by a very common species is ridiculous."

A new licence no longer allows carrion crow, magpie, jackdaw, rook, jay, collared dove or wood pigeon to be controlled to protect public health, with the feral pigeon being the only species left on the list. Another of the new licences restricts actions that can be taken to conserve wild birds, and does not allow actions to protect Wales' most threatened species. The new general licences will not apply in, or within 300 metres of 203 Welsh Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and the NRW, farmers and conservationists around these areas will be further restricted, even though controlling certain bird species such as crows and magpies is essential for protecting livestock and ground nesting birds.

"Farmers will conclude from this decision that NRW is more interested in introducing ridiculous bureaucracy and restrictions for political reasons than in protecting Wales' wildlife and helping farmers protect their livestock and crops," said Mr Parry.

Rachel Evans, Director for Wales for the Countryside Alliance, said: "Imposing these restrictions can only result in a negative impact on the way our countryside is managed. We have particular concern about general licence 004, the RSPB have themselves said during a conference call that the consequences could potentially be felt 'in the immediate years to come' yet were the only organisation to support the amendments in general licence number 004."

Update on village hall

VALE AM Jane Hutt met Ogmore by Sea village hall trustees for an update on plans following successful grant announcements.

With a portfolio of funding bids approved, the trustees are moving towards the fulfilment of their aims and ambitions to build a village hall for Ogmore by Sea.

Ms Hutt said: "It was great to meet Eugene Travers-Jones for an update on the plans and I look forward to attending their AGM in the near future. Congratulations to the trustees and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to secure the funds to take this project forward. This will be a stunning new community facility on the heritage coast."

AM comments on Cwm Taf report

COMMENTING on the report of an independent review panel into maternity services at Cwm Taf University Health Board, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has welcomed the findings that improvements have been made, but has expressed concern over the extent of failings identified.

Mr Davies said: "It is reassuring to see the investigative panel acknowledge improvements have been made. But it is deeply concerning that over 100 cases will now need to be reviewed.

"This will reopen old wounds, and will see many people once again go through the unimaginable pain that comes with losing a baby. These failures were allowed to occur because of systematic failures of the management to maintain the service in a safe and secure way.

"Staff, patients and all concerned with the wellbeing of the maternity sector in Cwm Taf need to know that help and support will be there at every turn of this difficult journey many are now undertaking."

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LILLEY
Brian Crawford

Died peacefully on 4th October 2019 after suffering dementia, with his sister Joan by his bedside at Llandough Hospital, aged 82.

Brian will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Service and cremation will be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium and Memorial Park, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 21st October at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Brian, if so desired, directly to The Alzheimers Society.

MALVISI
John

Peacefully on Monday, 7th October at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. John of Porthcawl. Devoted and loving husband of Cynthia, dearly loved father of Lucy and the late Lisa. Father-in-law of Tim and loving Nonno (grandfather) to Oscar and Sophia.

John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service on Tuesday, 22nd October 2019 at St. John the Baptist Church, Newton, Porthcawl at 12.30pm, followed by interment at Porthcawl Cemetery at 1.30pm. Donations gratefully received to Y Bwthyn Newydd c/o Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH. Tel:01656 783699.

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Steve will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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Margaret

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Margaret will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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James

Jim fought hard for 8 years with cancer, and we can confidently say that he won more battles than he lost. Jim ended his battle against cancer at 11.10am on Saturday, 12th October with his loved ones at his side.

A celebration of his life will be held at Cottrell Park Golf Club on Thursday, 31st October at 12 noon. Our preference for attire is smart casual for the day. We would also encourage memorable photos to be brought to the service or sent to us via facebook so that we can prepare a gallery.

Donations, if so desired, to Marie Curie to help with their amazing work to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-rosser2

We request that any flower arrangements are instead replaced with a donation to Marie Curie.

RICH
Anthony Albert (Tony)

Passed away peacefully on 3rd October 2019 at Llandough Hospital. Darling husband of Marian, beloved father of David and Matthew. Dear father-in-law and adored bampi to all his grandchildren. Much loved brother to Jean and Chris and all his brothers and sisters-in-law.

Tony will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 21st October at 3pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, in memory of Tony, would be gratefully received by Ty Hafan and Motor Neuron Disease.

CUNDLIFFE
Leslie

Peacefully on 1st October at the University Hospital of Wales – Les, devoted partner to June. Much loved dad, grampy and great-grampy

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Leslie is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Friday, 25th October at 12.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support The British Heart Foundation in memory of Leslie.

RADCLIFFE
Marjorie Phyllis (Marj)
(*née* Eagle)
(Of Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan)

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, 3rd October 2019, aged 92 years. Beloved Wife of Elfed, much loved sister of Ken and Eve (Deceased). Devoted aunt, neighbour and friend.

Funeral service and celebration of Marj's life is to be held in Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 21st October 2018 at 11am.

Family flowers only, however, donations in memory of Marj may be sent directly to Alzheimer's Society Cardiff & The Vale, Ty Gwyn Road, Cardiff, CF23 5DA.

All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AP. Tel - 01656 653156.

To advertise your situations vacant, family notices, birthdays, anniversaries, etc, call Sue on 01446 774484.

CLEAVE
Cynthia

After a short illness fought with dignity, beloved wife of the late Edgar, will be greatly missed by her sons Anthony, John, Mark, Matthew and all her family.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 22nd October, service 1pm at St Tathan Church, followed by interment in St Athan cemetery.

CHICK
Barrie

Passed away suddenly on 3rd October 2019, aged 68 years. Loving brother of Colin and Sheila, brother-in-law of Angela and Steve.

Barrie will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Thursday, 24th October at 10am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

No flowers please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Barrie, would be gratefully received by Cancer Research c/o 10 Beechwood Drive, Penarth, CF64 3QZ.

WILLIAMS
Edith Maud (Nan)

The family are sad to announce that our amazing Nan formerly of Littlemoor Farm, Llysworney, passed peacefully away in her 108th year in the loving care of Foxtroy Tondu. Dearly loved mother of Margaret and John, a wonderful Nan who brought much humour and fun into all of our lives. We are all immensely grateful for her long and well lived life.

Family cremation service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 1st November at 3.15 pm (friends welcome), followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her very long life, in Llysworney Church at 4.30 pm.

BROWN
James Peter

Sadly on 7th October after a long illness borne with great courage at University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, James aged 59 years. Beloved husband of Nicola, much loved dad of Peter and Sarah. A loved bampy of his grandchildren, also a loved son-in-law of Val and John.

James will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Monday, 21st October at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Macmillan c/o the funeral director.

GILL
Christine Margaret
(*née Manuel*)

Passed peacefully on 4th October 2019, aged 76 years in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, with her family by her side. She was dearly loved by her husband Tony, son David, daughter Kate, grandsons David, Joseph, Matthew and Benjamin, son and daughter-in-law Byron and Rachel.

Christine will be remembered fondly for her zest for life and sociable character and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Following a small family cremation, her memorial service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on 1st November at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Velindre Fundraising c/o Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

SPARGO
Jeffrey

Passed away peacefully on Friday, 11th October 2019 surrounded by his family. Beloved son to Emlyn Spargo, adored father to Terry, Kim and Rachael and much loved granddad to Rory.

Jeff will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 28th October, service and cremation 11.30am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Ward 2, The Stroke Ward, Princess of Wales Hospital c/o the funeral directors.

JONES
Maureen Veronica (Mo)

Peacefully on 9th October at Bella Vista Nursing Home, Barry surrounded by her loving family Mo, devoted wife of the late Glyn and a much loved mum of Angela, Tony, Peter, Alison, Bernadette and Glyn. Special mother-in-law to Robert, an adored nan, great-nan and great-great-nan to all her grandchildren. Loving sister of Sheila and aunty to Bernard.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mo is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her funeral service at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Wednesday, 23rd October at 1pm, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the church to support a charity chosen by the family.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

Acknowledgements

ELLIS
Carole Ann (*née* James)

Gloria and Natalie, mum and daughter wish to thank everyone for their flowers, cards and kind messages for our loving Carole.

God Bless you all.

Birthday Memories

ALESHA-MARIE O'CONNOR

Birthday Memories
22-10-2019

As you celebrate among the angels on your birthday high above. Please know we miss you very much and send you all our love.

Happy Birthday Lesh

Love Uncle Steve & Babs xxx

ALESHA O'CONNOR

Birthday Memories
22-10-2019

Another birthday without you my beautiful Alesha, but no one can take away my memories of the times we spent together. I love and miss you so much Lesh.

God Bless.

Your loving Nana, Nancy *xxx*

KLEE
Karon

23 October

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard but always near.

Love Mum, Dad & Pauline xxx

Births

Congratulations
Richard & Emma
on the safe arrival of your son
Noah Terrence John WATERS
and brother for Grace and Jacob
on Friday, 11th October
Weight 8lb 5oz
Lots of love, hugs & kisses
Mum & Dad xxx

Weddings

Marriage Announcement

Dafydd Pugh Williams and Francesca Emma Olivia Wilson

Dr Sally Pugh Williams is pleased to announce the marriage of her eldest son Daf to Francesca .

The very happy day was on Saturday 12th October 2019, at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by a reception at Margam Orangery.

A large number of family and friends travelled from afar to join the celebrations.

Daf and Francesca live in New Malden , Surrey and work in London.

Daf was a pupil at Y Bont Faen, St John's Porthcawl and Cowbridge School.

Many thanks to Revd David Boult, the Holy Cross bellringers and church staff, Bryan Bird of the Baytree for beautiful flowers, choral arrangements by Music Makers of London .

Birthdays

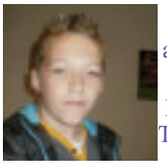
Penblwydd Hapus

21st

To our lovely gentleman of a son

Daniel Moffat

on 15th October 2019



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Love from
Mum, Dad, Dave, Tom & Megan xxx

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 43 Barry) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2019

On the 2nd October 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath located within Porthkerry Park running from NGR 308658 166782 south-westwards to NGR 308472 166421 to a line running from NGR 308711 166721 eastwards parallel to the coastline to NGR 308472 166421 as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 2nd October 2019, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 17th October 2019 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 17th October 2019

VALE of GLAMORGAN BRO MORGANNWG

HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 43 Y Barri) GORCHYMYN DARGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2019

Ar 2 Hydref 2019 cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 119 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980.

Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn, fel y'i cadarnheir, yn gwyro'r llwybr cerdded cyhoeddus ym Mharc Porthceri o NGR 308658 166782 i'r de-orllewin i NGR 308472 166421 i linell sy'n rhedeg o NGR 308711 166721 i'r dwyrain yn gyfochrog â'r arfordir i NGR 308472 166421 fel y nodir yn yr Atodlen ac fel y dengys ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 2 Hydref 2019, ond os bydd person yn teimlo ei fod wedi'i dramgwyddo gan y Gorchymyn ac yn amau ei ddilysrwydd, neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau sydd wedi'u cynnwys ynddo, ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu unrhyw reoliad a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn cysylltiad â'r Gorchymyn, gall, dan baragraff 2 Atodlen 2 y Ddeddf fel y'i nodir ym mharagraff 5 Atodlen 6 o'r Ddeddf, o fewn 6 wythnos i 17 Hydref 2019 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys.

Dyddiedig 17 Hydref 2019

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH No.62 LLANTWIT MAJOR)

On the 2nd October 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to create a public footpath from the adopted highway at Tre-Beferad, Boverton NGR 298070 168316 to Public Footpath No.42 to the west of Redwood Close (NGR 298040 168347) as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 2nd October 2019, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 17th October 2019 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 17th October 2019

VALE of GLAMORGAN BRO MORGANNWG

HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF.62 LLANILLTUD FAWR)

Ar 2 Hydref 2019 cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 26 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980.

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod yn creu llwybr cyhoeddus o briffordd fabwysiedig Tre-Beferad, Trebefered NGR 298070 168316 i Lwybr Cyhoeddus Rhif 42 i'r gorllewin o Redwood Close (NGR 298040 168347) fel y nodir yn yr Atodlen ac ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 2 Hydref 2019, ond os bydd person yn teimlo ei fod wedi'i dramgwyddo gan y Gorchymyn ac yn amau ei ddilysrwydd, neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau sydd wedi'u cynnwys ynddo, ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu unrhyw reoliad a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn cysylltiad â'r Gorchymyn, gall, dan baragraff 2 Atodlen 2 y Ddeddf fel y'i nodir ym mharagraff 5 Atodlen 6 o'r Ddeddf, o fewn 6 wythnos i 17 Hydref 2019 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys.

Dyddiedig 17 Hydref 2019

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Warren Rankmore trading as **C & D Engineering Ltd** of **The Business Centre, Cardiff House, Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2AW** is applying for a licence to use **Sub Unit 3, Unit 19 Arcade Workshops, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 3RF** as an operating centre for **1** goods vehicles and **0** trailers.

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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at top of the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 3 Pendoylan) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2019

On the 2nd October 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from the adopted highway NGR 306101 175861, passing close to the residential property Caerwigau Isaf to a line running from the adopted highway south-westwards parallel to the original alignment through a field to re-join the original alignment at NGR 306000 175758 as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 2nd October 2019, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 17th October 2019 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 17th October 2019

HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 3 Pendeulwyn) GORCHYMYN DARGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2019

Ar 2 Hydref 2019 cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 119 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980.

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod yn dargyfeirio'r llwybr cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o briffordd fabwysiedig NGR 306101 175861, gan basio'n agos i eiddo preswyl Caerwigau Isaf i linell sy'n rhedeg o'r briffordd fabwysiedig i'r de-orllewin yn gyfochrog â'r aliniad gwreiddiol yn NGR 306000 175758 fel y nodir yn yr Atodlen ac y dangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 2 Hydref 2019, ond os bydd person yn teimlo ei fod wedi'i dramgwyddo gan y Gorchymyn ac yn amau ei ddilysrwydd, neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau sydd wedi'u cynnwys ynddo, ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu unrhyw reoliad a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn cysylltiad â'r Gorchymyn, gall, dan baragraff 2 Atodlen 2 y Ddeddf fel y'i nodir ym mharagraff 5 Atodlen 6 o'r Ddeddf, o fewn 6 wythnos i 17 Hydref 2019 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys.

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A mixed weekend for Pencoed Phoenix teams

Leanne Burnell scores as Robyn Wilkins attempts to stop her. (Photograph by Julie Hancock).

THE Pencoed Phoenix teams experienced mixed fortunes over the weekend in their respective matches.

The Phoenix senior women lost to a strong and unbeaten Llandaff North side by 62–10.

The Phoenix cause not helped with disruptive injuries in the back line throughout the course of the match. Leanne Burnell and Linzi Morgan were the Phoenix try scorers.

At under-18 and under-15 level, Phoenix met the historically strong Cardiff Harlequins club, sharing the results on the day.

At under-18 level, Phoenix ran out comprehensive 48-12 victors, scoring eight tries in the process. Four Phoenix players got a brace of tries, namely Mia Davies, Evie Evans, Emma Tinsley, and Jaya White. Evans added four conversions for a match contribution of 18 points, while the all-round game of Tinsley saw her chosen as Phoenix player of the match. The 'Quins' were winners of the under-15 match by 28–7. Chloe Gant got the Phoenix try with skipper Hannah Marshall adding the conversion.

In a good team performance Phoenix half backs Molly Prance and scrum half Marshall played well, while also prominent were Gant, Meg Lewis and Demi Wallis. On Sunday, Senior Phoenix are due to meet Whitland at home in the National Premiership.

TR

Men's Barry Skittles League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Mens Skittles League from Week 7 are as follows:

Division 1: Geest 274 (S Jones 30), Cavaliers 288 (M Avaient, L Davies, M Ryan, M Morris 27); Bunker Boys 245 (N Taylor, D Hewitson 26), Blue Monkey 264 (N Phillips 27); Posties 274 (I Jones 27), Billy Whizz 276 (S Coombs 30); Park Lads 244 (G Jones 26), Merrymen 260 (A Germon 30); Willie Wombles 274 (J Parsons, R Peterson, E Draisey 27), 49ers 312 (G Yarr 32); British Rail 257 (F Johnson, D Slugg 25), Sea View 278 (K Pycroft 36).

League: 49ers 10; Merrymen 8; Willie Wombles 8; Blue Monkey 6; Billy Whizz 6; Cavaliers 6; Bunker Boys 4; Park Lads 4; Sea View 4; Geest 2; British Rail 2; Posties 0.

Division 2: Mighty Dockers 284 (P Davies 28), Hairy Lemons 247 (D Gill 30); Castle Boys 265 (G Brooks, G Marks 28), Barry Park B 270 (B Batt, N Stephenson 30); H Bells 274 (B Howcroft 29), Cannon Balls 280 (A Seviour 27); Park Rangers 260 (P Murphy, C Cameron 26), Tynny Lads 264 (S Germon 28); KP Rejects 353 (S Dawe 36), Exiles 331 (K Tudor 34); Witchill Poachers 356 (Rab Connell 37), Colcot Boys 368 (J Mccann 41).

League: Cannon Balls 9; Mighty Dockers 8; Tynny Lads 8; H Bells 6; Colcot Boys 6; KP Rejects 6; Barry Park B 4; Park Rangers 3;

Castle Boys 2; Witchill Poachers 2; Hairy Lemons 2; Exiles 2.

Division 3: Cocoa Nuts 262 (R Green, T Clements 30), Royalists 278 (H Burbidge 30); BP Breakaways 260 (J Gee, G Lewis 27), Abercrete 224 (J Arnold 25); Alternatives 282 (M Anthony, P Ross 29), Witchill Nomads 266 (T Richards 27); Billy Bluebirds 270 (R Ferguson 30), C.U.D. 240 (P Palmer 26); Ex Servicemen 275 (R Williams, A Kemp 28), Royalists 246 (M Roberts 28).

League: Billy Bluebirds 8; Alternatives 6; Ex Servicemen 6; Billy Flyers 6; BP Breakaways 5; Royalists 4; C.U.D. 3; Cocoa Nuts 2; Abercrete 0; Witchill Nomads 0.

View all results and league tables at *www.barryleagues.co.uk.*

JW

The latest from Ladies Barry Skittles League

THE latest scores from the Barry and Districts Ladies Skittles League for week commencing October 7 are as follows:

Division 1: Baker's Dozen 229 (S Hook 29) v Challengers 249 (M Griffiths, P Carpenter, M Veld and D Collard 26); Allsorts 236 (J Jones 27) v Space Finders 268 (H Webb 32); Special Angels 228 (S Said 27)v Friends and Family 242 (G Brown 27); Coppers 310 (S Curtis 36) v Sea View Gals 311 (M Richard 33); Barry Stars 235 (D James and L Lambeth 25) v La Bells 195 (S Davies 24); Pila Pala 239 (D O'Sullivan and S Potter 27) v Cadoxton Con Fillies 265 (T Clements 27).

Division 2: Breakaways 241 (V Martin 30) v Family Affair 264 (J Waldron 27); Persuaders 225 (C Thomas 31) v Etcetera 220 (C Mackintosh 26); Rhoose Starlights 221 (L Davies 24) v Clickies 241 (K Watts 30); Roller Coasters 240 (S Spry 26) v Witchill Weebies 192 (K Divine 24); Colcot Ladies 258 (J Holland 28) v Red Admiral 242 (G Williams 27).

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16 66 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 ALL4 3dr Automatic, media pack – sat nav, pepper pack, tlc pack, 7k, silver, half-leather.....**£12995**

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18 68 VOLVO XC60 2.0 D4 R-Design 5dr Automatic AWD, Volvo warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, 19"alloys, 13k, red, half-leather **£27995**

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16 16 AUDI A4 AVANT 2.0 TDI S-Line Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, 33k, grey **£15995**

16 66 BMW 116 1.5 D Sport 5dr Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, driver comfort pack, grey, full leather **£10995**

15 65 BMW 118 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, driver comfort pack, pdc, silver, full red leather **£10795**

17 17 BMW 320 D EfficientDynamics Plus 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty April 2020, 19"alloys, sat nav, cruise, heated setas, black, full leather **£15995**

17 67 BMW 320 D M Sport Shadow Edition 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, harman kardon, heated seats, blue, full leather **£16495**

16 66 BMW 320 D ED Sport Estate Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, heated seats, grey, full leather **£11995**

16 16 BMW 420 D M Sport Convertible Automatic, m sport plus pack, reverse camera, 20k, estoril blue, full cream leather **£19995**

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18 18 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI ISG 2 Estate, Kia warranty May 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, black **£12995**

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18 18 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRDI ISG 2 5dr, Kia warranty Sept 2025, sat nav, service pack, reverse camera, 5k, blue **£14995**

16 66 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.0 ED4 SE 5dr, heated seats, 18"alloys, 37k, blue, full leather **£18995**

13 13 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 ED4 Pure 5dr, sat nav, tech pack, pan roof, grey **£12995**

16 16 MAZDA CX-3 1.5 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, bose, 26k, silver, full leather **£12995**

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17 67 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, xenons, 6k, choice **£21995**

18 18 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 2dr Coupe 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty July 2021, sat nav, 19"alloys, reverse camera, gold, half-leather **£24995**

18 18 MINI COOPER 2.0 S 5dr (190bhp), sat nav, apple carplay, privacy glass, 8k, choice **£13995**

14 64 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr Automatic, media xl pack – sat nav, chilli + tlc pack, 25k, blue, half-leather **£9495**

17 67 MINI COUNTRYMAN 2.0 S 5dr (189bhp), Mini warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 11k, white, half-leather **£18995**

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16 66 SSANGYONG TIVOLI XLV 1.6 D ELX 5dr, Ssangyong warranty Dec 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 19k, white, full leather **£10995**

17 17 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 SZ-T 5dr, Suzuki warranty Aug 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, 14k, black **£10795**

16 16 TOYOTA RAV4 2.0 D-4D Active 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, white **£11995**

17 67 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CDTI Elite 5dr, Vauxhall warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 20k, silver, full leather **£9995**

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16 66 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GT 3dr, sat nav, privacy glass, 30k, white **£13795**

18 18 FORD KUGA 1.5 EcoBoost ST-Line 5dr, Ford warranty April 2021, 19"alloys, reverse camera,
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15 15 JAGUAR XF 2.2 D Portfolio Estate Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys,
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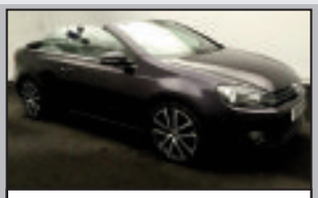

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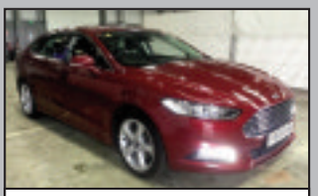

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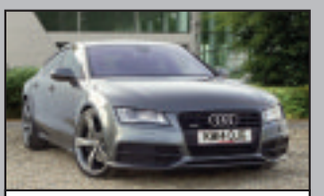

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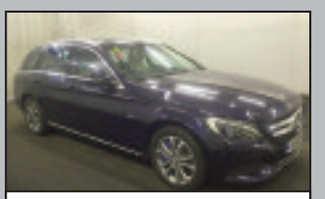

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Finals weekend at Windsor Bowls

Windsor Bowls Club champions Angela Hudson (left) and Matt Woodcock.

AFTER the finals weekend at Windsor Bowls Club, the men's and ladies' club champions were Matt Woodcock and Angela Hudson.

All the weekend results were:

Men's championship: M Woodcock 21, C Palfrey 9.

4 Wood Pairs: R Hudson and D Johnson 22, K McLeod and A Woodcock 11.

2 Woods: M Woodcock 13, D Turnball 10.

Hardun Cup: D Lewis 21, T Evans 14.

Handicap: D Lewis 21, M Woodcock 9.

2 Wood Pairs: K McLeod and A Woodcock 19, A Davies and S Ellard 11.

Ladies' championship: A Hudson 21, K Dyer 10.

Triples: M Coughlin, C Davies and M Matthews 23, K Dyer, P Farrell and B Roberts 7.

Chris Young Cup: M Huntley 21, G Latham 11.

Handicap: C Lewis 21, C Davies 18.

4 Wood Pairs: M Owen and A Rees 16, C Davies and M Matthews 14.

2 Wood Pairs: M Coughlin and C Gunter 23, P Farrell and V Flitney 9.

Mixed Brice Cup: S Ellard 11, V Flitney 9.

Mixed Pairs: M Owen and R Hudson 15, C Gunter and M Dacey 14.

President's Cup: A and R Hudson 19, E and M Woodcock 15.

PM

Penarth Bowling Club looks back on title-winning season

ON Monday, September 30, the 2018/19 season for Penarth Bowling Club formally closed as almost 70 enthusiastic members attended the AGM at the Rectory Road clubhouse.

Outgoing president Dave Dalby chaired the proceedings and reflected on what had been a relatively successful season all round.

The men's PG2 side were promoted to Division One as champions, having won 11 of the 14 fixtures. Under the captaincy of John Whitfield they had maintained consistent and competitive bowling throughout and fully deserved the success.

Ladies' captain Chris Davies was equally proud, as the ladies retained the Afternoon League title and finished runners-up in the Evening League.

The men's PG1 side however, after performing creditably all summer, fell away at the end to see their challenge for promotion evaporate by losing their late games and dropping to fifth in the league.

However, matters deteriorated when their inability to honour, through lack of numbers, their final fixture against champions Beaufort resulted in all their results being expunged.

This left them at the bottom of the table with nil points. This has not been received too well by captain Russell and his colleagues.

The incoming officers were duly elected for the 2019/20 season.

Long standing member and club coach, Clive Fry was elected to president and he will be supported by Joan Lewis (lady captain) and Nick Chandler (men's captain), together with a host of many hardworking volunteers and officers who organise and run the club's affairs.

NC

Joan Lewis, Clive Fry and Nick Chandler.

Golf club ladies section raises £2,000 for Alzheimer's

SAM Pascoe, the immediate past captain of the Brynhill Golf Club Ladies' section, spent much of her time as captain fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society.

Through various charity fundraising events, she raised £1,800 in memory of her beloved mother Eileen Preen.

On October 9, Mrs Pascoe, her daughter Katie and niece Hannah presented the cheque to Cheryl George who is the local Alzheimer's Society representative.

Cheryl delivered a short talk which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Mrs Pascoe thanked all her family and friends and the Brynhill Ladies' section for supporting the charity events and for their generous donations.

Jo Kirkpatrick, the Ladies' captain, thanked Sam for her commitment in raising this amount of money for such a worthwhile charity.

JMK

Llantwit Major RFC under-11s take on Tondu

LLANTWIT Major RFC's under-11s made the short trip to Tondu on Sunday.

The Tondu pitches were in fine condition, which helped make for a fine rugby encounter. The game started with a typical frenetic tempo as both teams struggled with the slippery conditions. Resembling the Neath team from the 1990s Llantwit's players started 'sticking it up the jumper' with the wide players wondering if they'd see the ball again.

Seven changes were made, and Sam Fellows became the latest debutant. The players cast off the boring crash ball in exchange for Fijian flair. Tries were scored by Bayley, Liam Davies and birthday boy Aaron Moce. The squad continues to grow and it seems a distant memory when the team struggled to get a side on a Sunday.

CW

On and Off the Turf with Brian Lee

VALE of Glamorgan trainers Evan Williams, Christian Williams and Tim Vaughan are certainly keeping Wales on the racing map.

Last Wednesday at Ludlow, Evan's *Marble Moon,* under stable jockey Adam Wedge, won the Ludlow Brewery Handicap Chase, coming home one-and-a-half lengths ahead of *Beau Du Brizais*, while at Wincanton *Realta Dawn*, trained by Ogmore-by-Sea's Christian Williams, took the National Hunt' Novices' Handicap Hurdle by two-and-a-quarter lengths from *Viking Ruby*.

Realta Dawn was ridden by Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, claiming 7lb, who has certainly been making a name for himself. On Thursday at Exeter, Aberthin's Tim Vaughan won the Bidfood Handicap Chase with *Cap St Vincent* which, ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, had eight lengths to spare over *Cougar's Gold,* trained by Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen. There was more Welsh success on Thursday as Chepstow's Grace Harris's top-weighted *Searching* took the Timeform Handicap Hurdle under Carmarthen's Ben Jones while at Worcester, Carmarthen's Rebecca Curtis won the Open Maiden National Hunt Flat race with *Wayfinder* which was racing for the first time in 565 days. *Wayfinder* was ridden by Pembrokeshire's James Bowen.

Competitions continue at Brynhill GC

RECENTLY, Brynhill held The Kenyon Davies Cup, a greensome Foursomes competition where both players tee off, before choosing the best drive and then playing alternate shots for the rest of the hole.

Despite the format, good weather and benign conditions the scores were, in the main pretty shabby, with Micky Perry and Lee Price coming out on top with a decent 65, three better than Dipper Wigley and Matt Lundrigan.

Next Sunday sees the rearranged John Collins Cup contested, a Stableford singles competition. It's the last chance to avoid the ignominy of joining the Hackerati and playing in the Consolation Cup the following week.

AS

Porthcawl Bridge Club

PORTHCAWL Bridge Club held its annual event for the Molly Hart Pivot Teams trophy, in which within a team of four, players exchange partners part-way through the event.

This year's event was convincingly won by Rob, John, Keith, and Tony. Molly was one of the founder members and the secretary of the original Awel-y-Mor Club which eventually combined with the Porthcawl Club.

Other club results were:

Thursday, September 26: First – Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second – Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth.

Saturday, September 28: First – Roger Draper and Dave Nicklin; second – Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth.

Thursday, October 3: First – Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second – John Cobby and Alwyn Hill.

Saturday, October 5: First – Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; second – Chris Rawlings and Teresa Griffiths.

Thursday, October 10 Molly Hart Pivot Teams: First – Keith Davison, Tony Haworth, Rob Charlesworth, and John Beard; second – Pat Roper, John Cobby, Vida Halford, and Glyn Williams.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre: Thursdays 6.45pm – 9.45pm; Saturdays 3.15pm – 6.15pm; visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

TH

St Mary's GC seniors

RAIN has been never ending but the St Mary's Golf Club senior section did manage to get a competition in this week.

The relentless rain made for some very soggy fairways and greens, and wind and blustery showers awaited the reduced field of 23 members who braved the conditions to tee off in a Stableford event, sensibly played over just 12 holes.

Surprisingly perhaps, several good scores were posted against the par of 24 points for the reduced course with, in particular, the rapidly-improving Mike Tayler returning an impressive six better than par net 30 points.

Gareth Thomas and section captain, Dave Hughes, both carded a one-better-than-par score of 25 points but Hughes lost out on the count-back and had to settle for third place.

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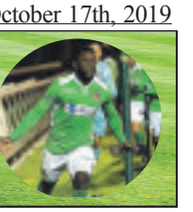

Wales' second string hopefuls stumble – but it's a victory

WELL, what conclusions can we draw from Wales' underwhelming 35-13 win over Uruguay?

Were the second string players trying too hard to impress?

Were they ring rusty?

Or were they (perish the thought) not as good as the first string?

Certainly, after the game coach Warren Gatland was wearing his best poker face. At this stage of the Rugby World Cup, there is no point in damaging players' confidence any further by handing out a public dressing down.

Behind closed doors, one suspects, things were a little different.

In retrospect, perhaps, did Uruguay play the 'false sense of security card'?

For the first five minutes, they were dreadful.

Welsh players found themselves in acres of space and in the first five minutes three tries went begging due to handling errors.

It was all too easy. A cricket score beckoned.

For the rest of the game, however, Uruguay sorted their defence out and with a mix of determined tackling and strategic infringements, they put up quite a barrier.

Wales did finally get a try after 16 minutes. After a series of pick and gos, Nicky Smith crawled over, with a helping push from Josh Adams. It was ugly, but there was surely more to come?

Not in the first half.

Hallam Amos looked to be over but Hadleigh Parkes' pass was deemed forward. To be fair, two minutes before, Uruguay were heading for a score when they were pulled back for a marginal forward pass.

The rest of the first half was made up of Welsh pressure - but no scores - and two quick visits by Uruguay to Welsh territory that yielded two penalties for outside half Berchesi.

At 40 minutes, Hadleigh Parkes tapped the ball into touch. A 'let's get off the field and get our heads together' gesture.

It was 7-6 at half time and a stony-faced Welsh coaching team headed for the dressing room.

My phone went 'ping' and it was an English friend, asking why Wales were so keen to face Eddie Jones' men.

Wales came out with more purpose, and were rewarded with a penalty within two minutes. From 35 metres, Leigh Halfpenny hit the post. Was it going to be one of those days?

Uruguay cleared but Wales attacked with great purpose and Bradley Davies was over the line, until defenders held him up and forced him back. However, Aled Davies at scrum half fed Rhys Patchell, who spotted that Wales had a four man overlap and threw a long pass which Josh Adams took and strolled over. Halfpenny converted and it was 14-6.

On 55 minutes, Wales worked a similar overlap and Parkes could have made it to the line, but he chose to pass to Hallam Amos on the wing - only for the pass to be ruled forward.

One imagines that there may have been an interesting discussion between the two after the game. Did Parkes throw it forward or had Amos over-run him? Hopefully, they will sort it out between themselves.

On the hour, Wales sent out James Davies (for Justin Tipuric), Ross Moriarty (for Aaron Wainwright) and Tomos Williams (for Aled Davies).

The fresh legs made a difference and after a period of Welsh pressure, Uruguay's open-side flanker Santiago Civetta received a yellow card.

Wales put the pressure on at the scrum, and referee Angus Gardner gave a penalty try, making the score 21-6.

Uruguay still had another nine minutes to survive with 14 men, but once again it didn't go according to plan for Wales. The 14 men escaped the Welsh grip and set up a series of forward drives in the 22, before their hooker, Kessler, forced his way over. Berchesi converted to make it 21-13 after 74 minutes.

Enough was enough for Wales at this point. They regained the ball after the restart and Halfpenny went on an excellent run to get within 15 metres of the line.

Scrum half Williams cleverly used referee Gardner as a shield and went over for a try without a hand being laid on him. Halfpenny's conversion made it 28-13.

Wales had two scum halves on the field now, with Gareth Davies replacing Josh Adams.

There was still time for Hallam Amos to suffer another disappointment. Patchell fielded a kick, made ground and slipped the ball to Rhys Carre who charged on and fed Amos, who dived for the corner, aiming for a one-handed grounding - but the ball slipped from his grasp.

The clock drifted into the red, but neither side was keen to end it, and play swung from end to end, until Gareth Davies collected the ball on the right wing and made a smart break, followed by a couple of side-steps, and went over under the posts. Halfpenny converted for a final score of 35-13 which, to be frank, was flattering to Wales.

Bearing in mind what a thriller of a game was to follow, when Japan took on Scotland, it was all a case of 'before the Lord Mayor's Show'.

It's France next week and (we hope) it will be a different ball game then.

Philip Irwin

Athletic march on in National Plate

Sean Williams crossing for the first Ath try. (Photograph by John Canon).

DESPITE torrential rain in the days leading up to the match, the pitch at Newbridge Fields was in remarkably good condition for Bridgend Athletic's Specsavers National Plate game against Bala RFC.

Both sides came into the game in fifth place in their respective divisions, having played four and won two but the Ath had drawn one game also. From the kick off the home side attacked, adopting a slick passing game and pick and gos to test Bala's defence. Handling errors, howeve,r led to at least three try opportunities going astray.

With 15 minutes on the clock after a series of forward inter-play, blind side wing forward Sean Williams crossed under the posts and stand- off Luke Bevan landed the additional two points.

Further Athletic pressure resulted in the Bala mid field straying offside and Luke Bevan landed the resulting penalty to put his side into a 10-0 lead.

Bala immediately responded from the kick off and were awarded a penalty which scrum half Llion Jones kicked from 35 metres out.

A poor clearance kick from Bala full back Iwan Hanmer was gathered by his opposite Robin Davies, who looked certain to put away wing Sam Richards but once again the pass went astray.

Captain Ben Howe was responsible for an excellent turnover 25 metres from the Bala try line, and the penalty was kicked by Bevan, who thought he had extended the Ath lead to 16-3 two minutes later with another penalty kick but, although flagged by both touch judges, the referee disallowed the kick.

A period of further slick three quarter play where the home side made good yards resulted once again in the final passes going astray. From a scrum on the Bala 22, Ceredig Puw, the visitors' open side was yellow carded for offside after the referee had warned Bala for persistent offences at the breakdown, Bevan once again converting the penalty kick.

A kick ahead by centre Joe Patterson had too much pace for centre Chris Price to touch down. Athletic now had the upper hand up front with substitutes Nathan Holman and Matt Muir making a difference and from a driving maul, No 8 Ben Davies grounded to give his side a 21-3 lead. A lineout won from 15 metres out, resulted in good skills by Ben Cording and the driving maul set up substitute Holman to cross wide out for the final score.

It was a convincing win for the team, but they will be disappointed at not taking at least six try-scoring chances.

The postponed game as a result of this cup fixture (with Nantyffylon) has been re-arranged for November 30 at Newbridge Fields, kick off 12 noon, subject to WRU approval.

Athletic's next Division One West Central league fixture is away to Skewen, Saturday, October 19.

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Maesteg Celtic battle to extra time cup victory

MAESTEG Celtic welcomed visitors Whitland for a WRU second round Plate Match and what a game it turned out to be!

Whitland, who are high in Division One West, came determined to progress further while Celtic were in no mood to concede to anyone at Garth Park. The game was played at a furious tempo with both teams asking for no quarter and giving none in return. It is difficult to mention individual players because everyone gave everything they had in the tank.

Celtic opened the scoring with a penalty by outside half Scott Sainsbury. Whitland responded and a kick ahead received a wild bounce back over the Celtic full back and was caught by the wing to run in a converted try.

Celtic went back ahead after furious pressure by their pack drew the visitors' defence and outside half Sainsbury put centre Kristian Jenkins through to score. Sainsbury converted.

The half ended when a Celtic attack in the visitors' 22 was unexpectedly turned over for them to run the length of the field for a converted try.

The second half was as ferocious as the first but Celtic front five of man of the match Sean Lambert, Morgan Reeves, Mark Wilkins, Rhys Bevan Jones and Kieran Power began to get the upper hand. A penalty was kicked to the corner by substitute outside half Cody John and the lineout was won by Kieran Power. The pack drove the visitors over their try line for flanker Jonathan Davies to touch down.

Whitland attacked but the Celtic backline of Aaron Williams, Lee Arthur, Kristian Jenkins, Neil Arthur and Morgan Lloyd were magnificent in defence. Whitland were awarded a penalty during the final move of the half which evened the score at full time.

The first half of extra time saw the Celtic three quarters attack and scrum half Liam Healy passed to wing Neil Arthur coming back inside. He was high tackled and Celtic opted for a scrum. The pack drove their opponents back at pace and the visitors were forced to collapse the drive. The referee awarded a penalty try.

Celtic sensed a great victory was on the cards and dug deep in the final 10 minutes. Scott Sainsbury gave them some relief when he kicked a 45-metre penalty to open the gap to two scores. Whitland scored a long range try in the final moments of the game but it was not enough to prevent Celtic earning a worthy scalp.

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Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On October 10: First, Barry Collins and Mike Williams; second, Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas; third, Geoff and Christine Tinkler.

The winners on handicap were Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

On October 11: First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Emer Disley and James Mangles; third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

The winners on handicap were Chris Rawlings and Teresa Griffiths.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3:15pm to 5:15pm and it's not too late to join the course.

For more information, call Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at *steve@steve-burgoyne.plus.com*.

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Pencoed Firsts edge out Resolven in close contest

PENCOED hosted Resolven and, with both sides losing one league fixture so far, something had to give.

Resolven opened the scoring after 13 minutes with an unconverted try but Pencoed then started to gain the upper hand.

Jack Thompson opened the home side's account when, showing typical determination, he powered over wide out for an unconverted try on 20 minutes. Shane Izzat was the next to cross the white wash, his trademark strength taking him over near the posts. Rhys Clarke added the extras.

Resolven kicked a penalty on 38 minutes to leave a half time score of 12-8.

Pencoed scored an unconverted try early in the second half through Lloyd Bargery. Rhys Clarke extended the lead on 55 minutes with a successful penalty but Resolven refused to lie down and scored a converted try on 73 minutes to set up a nail-biting finish for the home supporters.

They threw everything at Pencoed, but a typical resolute rear-guard action kept the home line intact, leaving Pencoed the winners by a score of 20-15. The sponsors' man of the match was Shane Izzat and the supporters' was Jack Thompson.

Pencoed Seconds suffered a last minute, one point, loss away at Maesteg Celtic.

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